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The Honorable Janea A. Scott, Presiding Commissioner
The Honorable Karen Douglas, Associate Commissioner
California Energy Commission
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**Re: Sonoran Energy Project (02-AFC-01C)
AltaGas Sonoran Energy Inc.'s Status Report #1**

Dear Commissioners:

Pursuant to the Committee's October 27, 2015 Scheduling Order, Project Owner AltaGas Sonoran Energy Inc. ("Project Owner" or "AltaGas Sonoran") submits its first Status Report related to the pending Petition to Amend ("Petition") the Sonoran Energy Project (formerly Blythe Energy Project Phase II) ("SEP").

ACTIVITIES SINCE FILING OF PETITION

Since filing of the Petition, the parties attended a Site Visit, Environmental Scoping, and Informational Hearing (September 28, 2015). In addition, Staff issued Data Requests Set No. One (#1-58) on October 12, 2015. On October 30, Project Owner submitted its objections to certain data requests contained in Data Requests Set One. While the Scheduling Order requires Project Owner to provide Data Responses on November 6, 2015, Staff's Data Requests identified a response deadline of November 12, 2015. By voicemail message on October 28, 2012, the Hearing Officer confirmed that responses to Data Requests Set One are due November 12, 2015. As of this date, AltaGas Sonoran anticipates submitting those responses on or before November 12, 2015.

CURRENT PETITION SCHEDULE AND POTENTIAL IMPEDIMENTS

Project Owner has been in contact with the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District ("District") regarding the status of its air application. Although the Committee's Scheduling Order identifies publication of the District's Preliminary Determination of Compliance ("PDOC") as December 18, 2015, the District has indicated that the District's target date for



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publication of the PDOC is November 20, 2015. Should the District meet or exceed that target date, the Project Owner anticipates that Staff will issue its Staff Analysis 30 days later, on or before December 21, 2015.

CONCLUSION

AltaGas Sonoran is confident that the Petition can move swiftly through the CEC process and all required filings can be completed on, and in many cases before, the deadlines set forth in the Scheduling Order. In fact, Project Owner believes it is possible to reach a decision on the Petition within the first quarter of 2016. AltaGas Sonoran looks forward to working cooperatively with and providing all of the necessary data to Staff to ensure that the Petition is processed in an expedited manner.

Respectfully submitted,

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