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The Honorable Janea A. Scott, Presiding Commissioner
The Honorable Karen Douglas, Associate Commissioner
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**Re: Sonoran Energy Project (02-AFC-01C)
AltaGas Sonoran Energy Inc.'s Status Report #2**

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 second 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 providing a status report to the Committee on November 2, 2015, the Project Owner has submitted responses to *Staff's Data Requests Set No. One (#1-58)* (November 12, 2015; TN #206606). As of this writing, AltaGas Sonoran knows of three outstanding requests discussed below.

The Project Owner received a request from Staff via electronic mail on November 20, 2015 requesting the clarification of the ammonia storage tank offsite consequence analysis results (filed as part of TN #206606). Project Owner will discuss the results with Staff during the first week of December.

The Project Owner received a telephonic request from Staff for additional information on the NO₂/NO_x ratios used in the modeling of the 1-hour NO₂ concentrations. Project Owner is diligently working to obtain this information and will provide it to Staff upon receipt.

Lastly, Project Owner also received a request for an update for issuance of Western Area Power Administration's Final System Impact Study (SIS) and the Southern California Edison's



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Affected System Study. The Project Owner understands that the SIS is expected to be issued in January 2016. At this time, Project Owner has no additional information regarding the timing of issuance of SCE's Affected System Study but will update Staff regarding its status when such information is available.

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 permit application. While the Project Owner's Status Report #1 indicated that the District believed it would publish the Preliminary Determination of Compliance ("PDOC") on November 20, 2015, the District has since updated its targeted publication date to December 18, 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 January 18, 2016.

CONCLUSION

AltaGas Sonoran is confident that the Petition can move swiftly through the CEC process. Moreover, the Project Owner believes that all required filings can be completed on, and in many cases before, the deadlines set forth in the Scheduling Order. To that end, AltaGas Sonoran is hopeful that the Committee can reach a decision on the Petition within the first quarter of 2016. AltaGas Sonoran will continue to work cooperatively with and provide any responsive data to Staff to ensure that the Petition is processed in an expedited manner.

Respectfully submitted,

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