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The Honorable Janea A. Scott, Presiding Commissioner
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**Re: Sonoran Energy Project (02-AFC-01C)
AltaGas Sonoran Energy Inc.'s Request for Schedule Modification**

Dear Commissioners and Hearing Officer Renaud:

Project Owner AltaGas Sonoran Energy Inc. ("Project Owner" or "AltaGas Sonoran") respectively submits this request for modification of the May 2016 Committee Scheduling Order (TN #211418). The Scheduling Order required Staff to publish the Final Staff Assessment ("FSA") by July 27, 2016. Opening Testimony and Rebuttal Testimony are currently due by August 12 and August 19, respectively. FSA Part A was filed by Staff on August 1, 2016. FSA Part B, however, remains outstanding.

In light of Staff's delayed publication of the FSA and the nearly 300 additional pages of information in the FSA as compared to the Preliminary Staff Assessment, as well as the uncertain publication date of FSA Part B, Project Owner respectfully requests a short extension of the current Schedule to allow sufficient opportunity to evaluate FSA Part A, to accommodate the additional delay of FSA Part B, and to prepare testimony. Additionally, Project Owner's water supply expert is unavailable August 17 through August 26 due to a planned vacation, and the delayed publication of FSA Part A has significantly impacted the review schedule for this key expert.

Based on the unavailability of a key expert, the accelerated deadlines of the current Scheduling Order, and the delayed publication of the FSA, Project Owner requests an accommodation to the schedule to allow for meaningful evaluation of the complete FSA and preparation of testimony. Project Owner therefore requests that Opening Testimony be due two weeks after publication of FSA Part B and that Rebuttal Testimony be due two weeks after opening testimony. While it is

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unclear when FSA Part B will be released, Project Owner has been advised that the outstanding information needed to complete FSA Part B should be finalized this week.

Project Owner appreciates the Committee and Staff's diligence in pursuing an aggressive schedule and looks forward to receiving a further revised Scheduling Order.

Very truly yours,



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