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The Honorable Janea A. Scott, Presiding Commissioner
The Honorable Karen Douglas, Associate Commissioner
Hearing Officer Ralph Lee
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street
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Re: **Sonoran Energy Project (02-AFC-01C)**
AltaGas Sonoran Energy Inc.'s Status Report #17

Dear Commissioners and Hearing Officer Lee:

Pursuant to the September 22, 2016 Memorandum (TN# 213756) docketed in this proceeding, Project Owner AltaGas Sonoran Energy Inc. ("Project Owner" or "AltaGas Sonoran") herein submits this Status Report related to the pending Petition to Amend ("Petition") the Sonoran Energy Project (formerly Blythe Energy Project Phase II) ("SEP").

As previously reported, Project Owner received, evaluated, and discussed Western Area Power Administration's ("WAPA") updated Interconnection Facilities Study related to SEP's interconnection with WAPA. After evaluating and discussing the Study received in mid-March with WAPA, Project Owner received the revised final version of the Study from WAPA on April 7, 2017 and there remain some outstanding important issues that need to be resolved, which Project Owner hopes will occur within the next 4-6 weeks. Since Project Owner continues to evaluate certain matters related to the interconnection of SEP, they have not yet engaged the California Independent System Operator ("CAISO") to commence the Affected Systems Study. As previously reported, upon commencement of the Affected Systems Study, it will take approximately 120 days to complete.

As has been noted in previous Status Reports, although the above-identified interconnection report remains outstanding, Project Owner does not believe there is a compelling reason to bifurcate the proceeding at this time. Project Owner would like to keep the proceedings together (not bifurcated) and supports the issuance of a new schedule shortly after publication of FSA Part B.

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Project Owner will provide additional updates regarding the Affected Systems Study as more information becomes available. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact Project Owner's representative Peter Ledig directly at (469) 904-5208.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Melissa A. Foster". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

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