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PETITION TO AMEND THE:
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STAFF'S RESPONSE TO COMMITTEE DISCLOSURE OF COMMUNICATIONS

On November 21, 2016, the Committee for the High Desert Power Plant Petition to Amend (Committee) filed "Disclosure of Communications" (Notice) with the attachment "Presiding Member's Disclosure of Communications" (Communications) (TN 214534). The Notice stated the Committee's intent to make the Communications part of the record of the proceedings, pursuant to Hearing Officer Susan Cochran's June 1, 2016 memorandum (TN 211693), stating the Committee's "obligation to disclose any information upon which it bases a decision which is not otherwise in the record of this proceeding." The Committee requested in the Notice that the parties state in writing whether they waive the right to challenge the proceedings based on the Communications.

Staff does not object to the inclusion of the Communications to the record and will not challenge the proceedings based on the Communications. Staff requests that any future non-privileged oral and written communications with Caryn Holmes and Linda Bond be made available to the parties and the public. Staff reserves the right for cross-examination of Linda Bond at any future hearings in the proceedings based on her past and future communications with the Committee.

Dated: November 29, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

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