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Re: DE 06-061, Investigation of Implementation of the Energy Policy Act of 2005

To the Parties:

On April 24, 2006, a prehearing conference was held in the above referenced proceeding at which time the Commission instructed the parties to meet in a technical session to develop recommendations on how it should proceed with its investigation of the issues presented in this docket.

On May 16, 2006, Staff filed a Report of the Technical Session (the "Report") conducted after the prehearing conference. The Report indicated that the participants agreed that the electric utilities would prepare a document to outline the five new federal standards that have been added to Title I of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (the "scoping document"). The participants also agreed to distribute the scoping document electronically to the parties on June 6, 2006 and to meet again on June 15, 2006 to further refine the scope of the investigation and develop a schedule to conduct discovery.

The Commission has determined that the recommendations contained in the Report will provide for the prompt and orderly conduct of the proceeding, with one refinement noted below. Accordingly, the procedural schedule is approved.

However, the Commission believes the public interest will be best served if the Commission, in addition to Staff, has the opportunity to review the initial scoping document and raise any concerns with the views of the utilities with respect to how the issues in this proceeding are to be defined. Accordingly, the utilities are instructed to file the initial scoping document formally with the executive director in addition to circulating it electronically to the parties and Staff.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland".

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