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RE: DE 12-262, 2013-2014 CORE Electric and Gas Energy Efficiency Programs
Settlement Agreement on 2014 Program Year Updates

Dear Director Howland:

Enclosed with this letter, please find a settlement agreement entered into by various parties relative to the above-captioned docket. The procedural schedule in this docket calls for a hearing on the merits on December 6, 2013. Pursuant to Puc 203.20(e), settlement agreements are generally to be filed no fewer than 5 days prior to the date of the hearing. Pursuant to Puc 203.20(f), however, the Commission may accept a late-filed settlement if such acceptance promotes the orderly and efficient conduct of the proceeding and will not impair the rights of any party.

Initially, the settling parties note that by accepting this late-filed settlement, the scope and complexity of presentation of relevant matters at the hearing, including the introduction of exhibits and the cross examination of witnesses, will be greatly reduced. Furthermore, it will enable the Commission to limit its examination making it more likely that an order can be issued prior January 1, 2014. Thus, acceptance promotes the orderly and efficient conduct of the proceedings. Further, in that the settlement has been entered into by essentially every party that has participated in this phase of the proceeding, accepting this settlement will not impair the rights of any party. Accordingly, the settling parties request, pursuant to Puc 203.20(f), that the Commission accept this late-filed settlement.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Very truly yours,

Matthew J. Fossum

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