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In Reply Refer To:
Sierra Pacific Resources Operating
Companies
Docket No. ER08-1552-000

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Reference: Open Access Transmission Tariff Compliance Filing

Dear Ms. Key:

1. On September 17, 2008, you submitted for filing, on behalf of Nevada Power Company and Sierra Pacific Power Company (collectively, Nevada Companies), under section 205 of the Federal Power Act (FPA)¹ revisions to the Sierra Pacific Resources Operating Companies' Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT) to comply with Order No. 676-C.² The Nevada Companies also request waiver of the Wholesale Electric Quadrant (WEQ) of the North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB) standard regarding Transmission Loading Relief - Eastern Interconnection. The Nevada Companies request that the OATT revisions become effective on October 1, 2008.

2. In Order No. 676-C, the Commission established standards of business practices and communication protocols for public utilities. In the filing, the Nevada Companies

¹ 16 U.S.C. § 824d (2006).

² *Standards for Business Practices and Communication Protocols for Public Utilities*, Order No. 676-C, 73 Fed. Reg. 43,848 (July 29, 2008), FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,274 (2008).

propose to revise the OATT to incorporate by reference, in section 4.2, certain standards promulgated by the NAESB-WEQ to comply with Order No. 676-C, as specifically listed here: Business Practices for Open Access Same-Time Information Systems (OASIS), Business Practices for OASIS Standards & Communication Protocols, OASIS Data Dictionary, Coordinate Interchange, Area Control Error Equation Special Cases standards, Manual Time Error Correction, Inadvertent Interchange Payback, Gas/Electric Coordination, Public Key Infrastructure, and Business Practices for OASIS Implementation Guide. The Nevada Companies also request waiver of the NAESB-WEQ standard for Transmission Loading Relief – Eastern Interconnection, stating that its limited application to the Eastern Interconnection does not apply to the systems of the Nevada Companies, which are all located in the footprint of the Western Electricity Coordinating Council.

3. Notice of the Nevada Companies' filing was published in the *Federal Register*, 73 Fed. Reg. 56,811 (2008) on September 30, 2008, with interventions, comments and protests due by October 8, 2008. None were filed.

4. The Commission accepts the Nevada Companies' proposed tariff revisions as in compliance with the requirements of Order No. 676-C. The following standards—Business Practices for OASIS, Business Practices for OASIS Standards & Communication Protocols, OASIS Data Dictionary, Gas/Electric coordination, Public Key Infrastructure, and Business Practices for OASIS Implementation Guide—are effective October 1, 2008, as requested. With respect to the standards for Coordinate Interchange, Area Control Error Equation Special Cases, Manual Time Error Correction, and Inadvertent Interchange Payback, these standards are effective August 28, 2008, consistent with the effective date established in Order No. 676-C for these standards.

5. Additionally, the Commission conditionally grants the Nevada Companies' request for waiver. The Nevada Companies must file, within 30 days of the date of this order, a further compliance filing to amend the OATT to specifically state that they have received waiver of Order No. 676-C requirements related to the standard for Transmission Loading Relief – Eastern Interconnection.³

By direction of the Commission.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

³ See Order No. 676-C at P 84.