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In Reply Refer To:
Deseret Generation & Transmission
Co-operative, Inc.
Docket No. ER11-2591-000

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Dear Mr. Silverstein:

1. On December 30, 2010, Deseret Generation & Transmission Co-operative, Inc. (Deseret) filed a request for limited waiver and extension of Deseret's obligation to modify its open access transmission tariff (OATT) to: (1) include revisions to Attachment C of its OATT to modify the methodology for the calculation of available transfer capability (ATC) in order to reflect applicable North American Electric Reliability Corporation reliability standards, as required by Order No. 729;¹ and (2) incorporate by reference all applicable North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB) Wholesale Electric Quadrant Standards, as required by Order No. 676-E.² Deseret requests a limited waiver and extension of the compliance filing deadline through March 1, 2011. Deseret makes this request so that the requirements set forth in Order

¹*Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Calculation of Available Transfer Capability, Capacity Benefits Margins, Transmission Reliability Margins, Total Transfer Capability, and Existing Transmission Commitments and Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk-Power System*, Order No. 729, 129 FERC ¶ 61,155 (2009), *order on clarification*, Order No. 729-A, 131 FERC ¶ 61,109 (2010), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 729-B, 132 FERC ¶ 61,027 (2010).

²*Standards for Business Practices and Communication Protocols for Public Utilities*, Order No. 676-E, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,299 (2009).

Nos. 729 and 676-E may be comprehensively addressed as part of a future filing pursuant to section 205 of the Federal Power Act³ to reflect operational changes of Deseret's transmission system and OATT.

2. Deseret explains that it is a generation and transmission cooperative with an OATT on file.⁴ It states that its transmission system is limited; it is comprised of four transmission lines in northeastern Utah, together with the 460 MW Bonanza generating plant and the Bonanza substation. The transmission system includes a single 171-mile, 345 kV transmission line from the Bonanza substation to PacifiCorp's Mona substation and three 138 kV transmission lines from the Bonanza substation to three separate interconnections.

3. Deseret states that only three customers purchased point-to-point transmission service in 2010, and currently there are no transmission service requests in the queue. Deseret further states that there are no network integration transmission service customers under its OATT, no independent generators interconnected to its transmission system, and no pending interconnection requests in its queue. Deseret states that its transmission function is fulfilled by one dedicated full-time employee.

4. Deseret further notes that it is not a control area operator and has delegated the responsibility for determining and posting ATC to PacifiCorp, pursuant to the control area services agreement dated August 13, 2003.⁵ Under that agreement, PacifiCorp provides Deseret with regulating reserves, operating reserves, control area operation, energy imbalance service, OASIS, e-tagging and meter integration services. However, Deseret states that PacifiCorp intends to exercise its right to terminate the current agreement effective on or about July 31, 2011. Deseret states that it is working with PacifiCorp to transition its OASIS functions and is making arrangements with another vendor to administer its OASIS. Deseret states that it is currently reviewing its OATT to identify those changes necessary to reflect the termination of the control area service agreement.

5. Deseret states that because its OATT does not contain an ATC methodology and because it is dependent upon PacifiCorp through the control area services agreement to

³ 16 U.S.C. § 824d (2006).

⁴ See *Deseret Generation & Transmission Co-operative, Inc.*, Docket No. ER10-2648-000 (Oct. 21, 2010) (delegated letter order).

⁵ See PacifiCorp FERC Rate Schedule No. 592.

meet the open access requirements of Order No. 890,⁶ it believes that it cannot modify its OATT to incorporate specific reliability standards set forth in Order No. 729, because the ATC methodology does not currently reside in its OATT. With respect to Order No. 676-E, Deseret notes that several of the NAESB standards and protocols do not apply to it, because Deseret does not currently operate its own OASIS node and is not a control area operator. Therefore, Deseret seeks a limited waiver and extension of the compliance filing deadline of January 1, 2011, as established in Order No. 729-B.⁷ Deseret states that it will address the requirements set forth in Order Nos. 729 and 676-E in a future filing, no later than March 1, 2011.

6. Notice of Deseret's filing was published in the *Federal Register*, 76 Fed. Reg. 1418 (2011), with comments, protests, and interventions due on or before January 20, 2011. None was filed.

7. For good cause shown, principally because Deseret is currently reviewing its OATT in light of changes necessary to reflect the termination of the control area service agreement with PacifiCorp, and the fact that Deseret's OATT does not contain an ATC methodology, we grant Deseret's requested extension, through March 1, 2011, to make a compliance filing, pursuant to Order Nos. 729-B and 676-E.

By direction of the Commission.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

⁶ *Preventing Undue Discrimination and Preference in Transmission Service*, Order No. 890, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,241, *order on reh'g*, Order No. 890-A, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,261 (2007), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 890-B, 123 FERC ¶ 61,299 (2008), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 890-C, 126 FERC ¶ 61,228 (2009).

⁷ Order No. 729-B, 132 FERC ¶ 61,027 at P 13-16.