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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
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In Reply Refer To:
Deseret Generation & Transmission
Co-operative, Inc.
Docket Nos. ER11-3095-000 and
ER11-3095-001

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Attention: Craig W. Silverstein

Reference: Revisions to Open Access Transmission Tariff

Dear Mr. Silverstein:

1. On March 15, 2011,¹ as amended on April 29, 2011, Deseret Generation & Transmission Co-operative, Inc. (Deseret) submitted revisions to its open access transmission tariff (OATT) to reflect the termination of a Control Area Services Agreement with PacifiCorp² and to reflect modifications, as required, to comply with

¹ On February 22, 2011, the Commission granted Deseret's request for limited waiver and extension through March 1, 2011, to submit its compliance filing pursuant to Order Nos. 729-B and 676-E. *See Deseret Generation & Transmission Co-operative, Inc.*, 134 FERC ¶ 61,134 (2011).

² Deseret states that PacifiCorp has exercised its right to terminate the current Control Area Services Agreement on or about July 31, 2011 and that it is working with PacifiCorp to transition its OASIS functions to a new entity that will perform all necessary scheduling service for Deseret and has made arrangements with a vendor to provide software to administer its OASIS upon termination of the agreement. Deseret March 15 Transmittal Letter at 3.

Order No. 729³ and Order No. 676-E.⁴ Deseret requests waiver of certain business practice standards adopted by the Wholesale Electric Quadrant (WEQ) of the North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB WEQ) and incorporated by reference into the Commission's regulations in Order No. 676-E.⁵ In this order, the Commission accepts the revisions to Deseret's OATT, effective April 1, 2011, and grants the requested waivers, as discussed below.

2. Specifically, Deseret has revised its Attachment K, Transmission Planning Process, to incorporate hyperlink references to its website which will be activated upon termination of the Control Area Services Agreement.⁶ Deseret states that, when the new OASIS becomes active later this year, no further modification to the tariff will be needed and customers will be assured a continuous link to Deseret's OASIS and business practices during its transition to a new vendor for OASIS functions.⁷

3. Deseret also has revised its Attachment C, (Methodology to Assess Available Transfer Capability) to comply with Order No. 729 by modifying the methodology for the calculation of Available Transfer Capability (ATC) in order to reflect the Modeling, Data, and Analysis Reliability Standards approved by the Commission, and to remove references to PacifiCorp's former delegated responsibilities for performing ATC calculations. Deseret also proposes a new Attachment R to its OATT, reflecting the incorporation by reference of certain NAESB WEQ business practice standards.

4. In addition, Deseret seeks a limited waiver of certain standards adopted by NAESB WEQ, including Area Control Error Equation Special Cases (WEQ-005);

³ *Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Calculation of Available Transfer Capability, Capacity Benefit 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 rehearing and reconsideration*, Order No. 729-B, 132 FERC ¶ 61,027 (2010).

⁴ *Standards for Business Practices and Communication Protocols for Public Utilities*, Order No. 676-E, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,299 (2009).

⁵ Deseret seeks waiver of NAESB WEQ Standards WEQ-005 (Version 002.1), WEQ-006 (Version 001), WEQ-007 (Version 002.1), and WEQ-008 (Version 002.1). *See* Deseret March 15 transmittal letter at 6.

⁶ The link incorporated is <http://www.deseretgt.com/oasis/oasis.php>.

⁷ Deseret March 15 Transmittal Letter at 4.

Manual Time Error Correction (WEQ-006); and Inadvertent Interchange Payback (WEQ-007). Deseret states that these standards should not apply because they address obligations specific to balancing authority areas. Deseret explains that its transmission system is fully embedded in other balancing authority areas, and it does not provide any control area services. Deseret also states that it is not, and will not become a balancing authority area; therefore, it states that waiver is appropriate. Deseret also states that the standard addressing Transmission Loading Relief – Eastern Interconnection (WEQ-008) is inapplicable to Deseret because it applies to procedures necessary for curtailment and reloading of interchange transactions in the Eastern Interconnection, and Deseret's transmission system is located entirely in the Western Interconnection.

5. Notice of the Deseret's initial filing was published in the *Federal Register*, 76 Fed. Reg. 16,403 (2011), with interventions, comments, and protests due by April 5, 2011. Notice of the Deseret's amended filing was published in the *Federal Register*, 76 Fed. Reg. 27,041 (2011), with interventions, comments, and protests due by May 20, 2011. No protests or adverse comments were filed. Pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 C.F.R. § 385.214 (2011), timely unopposed motions to intervene serve to make the entities that filed them parties to this proceeding.

6. Deseret's proposed revisions to Attachment C, Attachment K, and Attachment R are just and reasonable, are consistent with the requirements set forth in Order Nos. 729 and 676-E, and are hereby accepted for filing. Because Deseret does not act as a balancing authority area and does not currently provide any of the functions addressed by WEQ-005, WEQ-006, and WEQ-007, we grant Deseret's request for waiver of any compliance obligation under those standards. We also grant Deseret's request for waiver of WEQ-008, because Deseret's transmission facilities are located entirely in the Western Interconnection and therefore waiver of this standard is appropriate.⁸

7. We grant Deseret's request for waiver of the Commission's prior notice requirements to permit an April 1, 2011 effective date for its OATT revisions, as requested, consistent with the effective date prescribed in Order Nos. 676-E and 729-B.

By direction of the Commission.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

⁸ *Nevada Power Co. and Sierra Pacific Resources Operating Companies*, 125 FERC ¶ 61,170 (2008).