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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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In Reply Refer To:  
Public Utilities Commission of  
Nevada and Sierra Pacific Power  
Company d/b/a NV Energy  
v.  
Tuscarora Gas Transmission Company  
Docket Nos. RP11-1823-000  
RP11-1823-001

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Attention: Lee A. Alexander  
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Reference: Letter Order Approving Uncontested Settlement

Dear Mr. Alexander:

1. On December 23, 2011, you filed an Offer of Settlement and Stipulation (Settlement) in the above-captioned proceeding, on behalf of Tuscarora Gas Transmission Company (Tuscarora) and the other settling parties. The Settlement resolves all issues in Docket No. RP11-1823-000, concerning the Complaint against Tuscarora filed on February 28, 2011, by the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (PUCN) and Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy (NV Energy) which the Commission set for hearing on May 24, 2011, pursuant to section 5 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA).

2. In accordance with Rule 602(d) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 C.F.R. § 385.602(d) (2011), on December 23, 2011, the Settlement was served on all parties on the Commission's official service list for the above-captioned proceedings, and all parties had an opportunity to comment on the Settlement. Initial

comments in support of the Settlement were filed on January 5, 2012, jointly by NV Energy and the PUCN, and on January 12, 2012, by Trial Staff and Indicated Shippers. No adverse comments were filed. On February 6, 2012, the Presiding Judge certified the Settlement to the Commission as uncontested.

3. The Settlement appears fair and reasonable and in the public interest and is hereby approved. The Settlement resolves all issues set for hearing in this matter, implements reductions in the rates complained of, and establishes new rates to be effective for a three year period, commencing January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014. During this moratorium period the rates are not to be changed, except through certain particular types of filings specified in the Settlement, and Tuscarora has no future obligation to file a general rate case pursuant to section 4 of the NGA.

4. Refunds and adjustments shall be made pursuant to the Settlement. The Commission's approval of the Settlement authorizes Tuscarora to implement the rates and terms thereof. Approval of the Settlement does not constitute approval of, or precedent regarding, any principle or issue in this proceeding, except to the limited extent expressly provided in the Settlement.

5. This letter order terminates Docket No. RP11-1823-000, and Tuscarora's pending rehearing request is dismissed as moot.

By direction of the Commission. Chairman Wellinghoff is not participating.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,  
Deputy Secretary.

cc: All parties of record