

February 16, 2016

CA Public Utilities Commission Energy Division Attention: Tariff Unit 505 Van Ness Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor San Francisco, CA 94102-3298

Re: GHG Environmental Performance Standard (EPS) Compliance Filing 2016

Pursuant to Ordering Paragraph No. 4 of Decision ("D.") 07-01-039, issued in R. 06-04-009 on January 25, 2007, Liberty Utilities (CalPeco Electric) LLC (U 933-E) ("Liberty Utilities") submits this annual Attestation Letter affirming that the financial commitments Liberty Utilities has entered into for generation during the prior calendar year are in compliance with the greenhouse gas ("GHG") emissions performance standard ("EPS"). Specifically, Liberty Utilities is in compliance with the EPS. Other than the 12 MW Kings Beach Generating Station which is uses for only emergency back-up support and whose generation is restricted by air permits to no more than 1440 MWh in each calendar year, Liberty Utilities has no generation facilities and no long-term financial commitments for generation.

Additionally, NV Energy has advised Liberty Utilities that in 2015 NV Energy incurred normal capital maintenance expenses at the Valmy coal-fired generating facility, none of which extend the life of the plant beyond its already-planned retirement date. NV Energy included power from Valmy in its supply portfolio from which it provided energy to Liberty Utilities under the five-year purchase power agreement that expired December 31, 2015 that the Commission approved in 2010 in D. 10-10-017. Liberty Utilities did not request that NV Energy incur these expenses and had no input in NV Energy's normal capital maintenance expenses.

Effective Date: March 15, 2016

Tier Designation: Tier 2 Designation

### **Purpose**

This Attestation Letter provides information and documentation required by D.07-01-039. This Attestation Letter demonstrates that for **2015** Liberty Utilities has entered into financial commitments that are in compliance with the EPS (long-term financial commitments defined on Page 3 of Attachment 7 in D.07-01-039).



## **Background**

D.07-01-039 requires all Load Serving Entities ("LSEs") to file annual Attestation Letters, due February 15<sup>th</sup> of each year, attesting to the Commission that the financial commitments entered into for generation during the prior calendar year are in compliance with the EPS. D.07-01-039 requires LSEs to file Attestation Letters as an advice letter and serve the Attestation Letter on the service list in Rulemaking ("R.") 06-04-009. This Attestation Letter is filed pursuant to that process.

D.07-01-039 requires LSEs to include a listing of long-term financial commitments of five years or longer that they have entered into during the prior year. Furthermore, D.07-01-039 requires additional documentation demonstrating that LSEs have complied with the EPS. Specifically, D.07-01-039 requires LSEs to provide documentation to demonstrate:

- (a) That the commitments were not "covered procurements" under the interim EPS rule and/or
- (b) For those that represent covered procurements, documentation demonstrating that such procurements are EPS-compliant, including any contracts with a term of five years or longer that include provisions for substitute energy purchases.
- (c) For any requested reliability-based exemptions that have been pre-approved by the Commission, a reference to the application and Commission decision number.

D.07-01-039 requires all LSEs to disclose the investment amount and type of alteration to retained generation, by generation facility and unit. D.07-01-039 also advises LSEs to present documentation regarding the design and intended use of the powerplant(s) underlying their new long-term financial commitments utilizing the sources of information listed in § 8341(b)(4), as well as any other sources of documentation that they believe will be relevant to this determination.

D.07-01-039 emphasizes that the key concept is to establish the design and intended use of the powerplant. Accordingly, documentation of the annualized plant capacity factor for the powerplant should include historical annual averages in order to help determine whether the plant is "designed and intended" to be used for baseload generation. D.07-01-039 requires LSEs to provide documentation of capacity factors, heat rates and corresponding emissions rates that reflect the actual, expected operations of the plant.

This Attestation Letter comports with the requirements outlined above.



### **Protests**

This compliance filing is not subject to protest pursuant to General Order 96-B, Energy Industry Rule 9.

### **Correspondence**

Any correspondence regarding this compliance filing should be sent by email to the attention of:

Liberty Utilities (CalPeco Electric) LLC Attention: Advice Letter Protests 933 Eloise Avenue South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150 With a copy to: Steven F. Greenwald Vidhya Prabhakaran Davis wright Tremaine LLP San Francisco, CA 94111 Fax: 415-276-6599 Email: <u>stevegreenwald@dwt.com</u> Email: <u>vidhyaprabhakaran@dwt.com</u>

# **Certification**

- (1) I have reviewed, or have caused to be reviewed, this compliance submittal.
- (2) Based on my knowledge, information, or belief, this compliance submittal does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements true.
- (3) Based on my knowledge, information, or belief, this compliance submittal contains all of the information required to be provided by Commission orders, rules, and regulations.

Sincerely,

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