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Re: IR 17-037, Gas Distribution Utilities

Investigation of Gas Operator Qualification Programs and Testing Practices

Extension of Time

To the Parties:

On September 21, 2017, the Commission granted an extension of time until December 5, 2017, for Staff to file a report regarding an investigation into the testing practices and operator qualification programs of gas distribution utilities. On December 4, 2017, Staff filed a request for an additional extension of time as the investigative report has not been finalized due to other Commission priorities. Staff stated in its request that it will file a status update by January 31, 2018, but will not be able to file the final report until after that date.

The Commission has determined that the request for additional time is reasonable. Accordingly, Staff should provide an update on the status of the investigation by January 31, 2018.

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