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Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman
Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street
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Re: IR 22-053 Electric and Gas Utilities, Investigation of Energy Commodity Procurement Renewable Portfolio Standard; Default Service Electric Power; Cost of Gas Methodology and Process *DOE Technical Statement of Faisal Deen Arif, Gas Director*

Dear Chairman Goldner:

Enclosed please find the Department of Energy (Department) Technical Statement of Faisal Deen Arif, Gas Director. *See* Commission Procedural Orders dated October 11, 2022, January 9, 2023 and January 23, 2023.

In brief, this technical statement addresses cost of gas methodology and process. The Department's Gas Director, Deen Arif, states that the Department generally agrees with the views expressed in the gas utilities' technical statements. Yet while the Department recognizes that the commodity supply procurement process is one in which utilities are price-takers, the Department is interested in discussing innovative approaches/views from the utilities that may enable them to procure gas at a cheaper cost.

Consistent with the Commission's current policy, this letter is being filed solely in electronic form. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

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