UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BEFORE THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

NRG Power Marketing, LLC)	Docket No. ER19-385-000
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NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF PLEADING OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MARKET MONITORING OF THE CALIFORNIA INDEPENDENT SYSTEM OPERATOR CORPORATION

The Department of Market Monitoring (DMM), acting in its capacity as the Independent Market Monitor for the California Independent System Operator Corporation (CAISO) submits this notice of withdrawal of the pleading filed by DMM in the above captioned proceeding with the Commission on December 11, 2018.^{1,2} DMM also supports the pleading submitted in this proceeding by the CAISO on January 9, 2019, which provided a notice of withdrawal of the motion to intervene and comments filed by the CAISO on December 11, 2018.³

I. Background

On November 20, 2018, NRG Power Marketing, LLC (NRG) submitted a filing pursuant to Section 205 of the Federal Power Action to recover fuel costs not covered through CAISO market settlements for the July 23, 2018, trade date. The Commission issued a Combined Notice of Filings setting December 11.

¹ Comments of the Department of Market Monitoring for the California Independent System Operator, ER19-385-000, December 11, 2018. http://www.caiso.com/Documents/CommentsDMM-NRGFuelCostRecoveryDec122018.pdf

² DMM files this notice of withdrawal pursuant to Rule 216 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 C.F.R. § 385.216 (2018).

³ Notice of Withdrawl of Pleadings of the California Independent System Operator, ER19-385-000, January 9, 2019. http://www.caiso.com/Documents/Jan9-2018-Notice-Withdrawal-Pleadings-NRGGasCostRecovery-ER19-385.pdf

2018, as the deadline for interventions and protests in this proceeding.

On December 11, 2018, DMM filed a motion to intervene and comments in this proceeding. DMM's filing explained that in the limited time period allowed for interventions and protests at that time, DMM was able to review and validate numerous aspects of NRG's filing. Based on that review, DMM noted that most aspects of NRG's filing appear reasonable and that DMM had no specific objections. However, DMM noted that several aspects and details of NRG's filing merited more review, and therefore supported a process for allowing Commission staff, the CAISO, DMM and other intervening parties to perform more detailed review of NRG's request for cost recovery.

II. Withdrawal of DMM's Motion to Intervene and Comments

Since DMM filed its motion to intervene and comments on December 11, 2018, DMM has performed further review of NRG's filing. DMM has also discussed NRG's filing with the CAISO and NRG, and has exchanged information and consulted internally with the CAISO. As a result, DMM no longer has any concerns regarding NRG's request. Therefore, DMM respectfully withdraws its December 11, 2018 motion to intervene and comments pursuant to Rule 216 of the Commission's regulations. DMM has no reason to believe any party will oppose this notice of withdrawal and, for the reasons explained above, believes the withdrawal is appropriate.

For the foregoing reasons, DMM also supports the pleading submitted by the CAISO on January 9, 2019, which provided a notice of withdrawal of the motion to intervene and comments filed by the CAISO in this proceeding on

December 11, 2018

III. Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, the Commission should grant this notice of withdrawal.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: January 10, 2019

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have served the foregoing document upon all of the parties listed on the official service list for the above-referenced proceeding, pursuant to the requirements of Rule 2010 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 C.F.R. § 385.2010).

Dated at Folsom, California, this 10th day of January, 2019.

<u>(s/ Grace Clark</u> Grace Clark