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Honorable Magalie R. Salas Secretary Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street, NE Washington, DC 20426

Re:

Delta Energy Center

ER03-510-____

Dear Secretary Salas:

By letter order dated September 10, 2003, the Secretary of the Commission, acting at the direction of the Commission, approved the uncontested Offer of Settlement in *Delta Energy Center*, Docket Nos. ER03-510-000 and ER03-510-001 and terminated those subdockets. This notice is submitted on behalf of the Sponsoring Parties of that settlement.¹

The nature of the settlement in question was an agreement to defer without prejudice further proceedings in this docket pending a final resolution of issues presented in another docket. Specifically, under the terms of the settlement, proceedings before the Commission in this Docket were to be reinstituted under a new subdocket if a Sponsoring Party provided notice to the Commission within 90 days after the earlier of: (i) the date that the Commission issued an order on rehearing, or 30 days after an opinion if no rehearing was sought, of a Commission decision addressing the initial decision in *Pacific Gas and Elec. Co.*, Docket ER98-495-000 *et al.*; or (ii) October 1, 2005 (the so-called "Reinstitution Date"). If no such notice were given, the interim rates provided for by the settlement would become final. *See* Section II.D.1. The settlement further provided, however, that the Sponsoring Parties could by agreement extend the time for giving notice of the reinstitution of proceedings. *See* Offer of Settlement, Section II.D.5.

Since shortly following the issuance of the final Commission Order on rehearing in Docket No. ER98-495-000, the Sponsoring Parties have been meeting in good faith in an effort to reach a further and final settlement in this proceeding. Those discussions have not yet produced a settlement, but the parties believe that additional discussions will be productive. They further believe that such discussions can proceed productively, at least for an additional period,

The Sponsoring Parties are: Delta Energy Center, LLC (Delta), the California Independent System Operator (CAISO), and Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E).

without reinstitution of proceedings before the Commission and the appointment of a Settlement Judge. Accordingly, the Sponsoring Parties advise the Commission that this letter constitutes their written agreement, as provided under Section II.D.5 of the Commission-approved settlement, to extend the period for reinstitution of proceedings for 60 additional days, to November 21, 2005. In the event a final settlement is not reached within that 60-day period, the Sponsoring Parties will notify the Commission and either advise that they have agreed that the period for reinstitution of proceedings before the Commission has been extended for a further specific period or request a reinstitution of proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

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On behalf of the Sponsoring Parties

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