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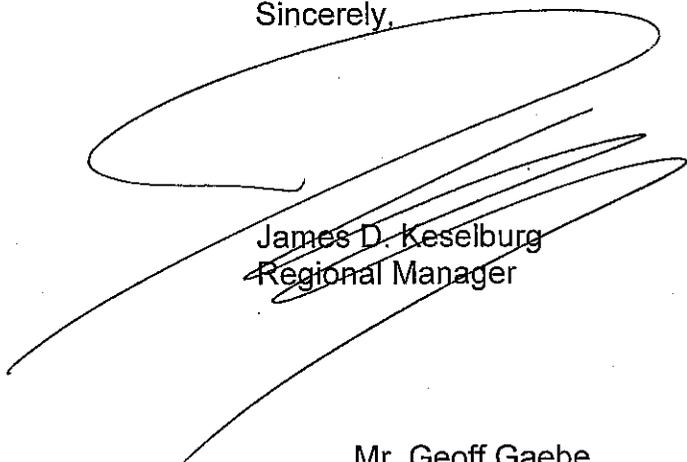
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Mr. Terry M. Winter  
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Dear Mr. Winter:

Enclosed is the Western Area Power Administration, Sierra Nevada Region's (Western) application for Participating Transmission Owner status for our share of the Path 15 Upgrade Project, which includes a draft of Western's proposed Transmission Owner Tariff. We prepared our application in accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 2.2 of the CAISO's Transmission Control Agreement. We are requesting to become a Participating Transmission Owner on July 1, 2004. We would like to denote that Section 20.8 of the CAISO Tariff, Consistency with Federal Laws and Regulations, applies to all our contractual relationships with the CAISO, including this application and its appendices. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Tom Boyko of my staff at (916) 353-4421.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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