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**SENT VIA UTC WEB PORTAL**

Steven V. King  
Executive Director and Secretary  
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Re: Generic Cost of Service Docket: U-170002

Dear Mr. King:

This letter is filed in response to Staff's request for comments on issues and procedural options in the above-referenced docket. At this time, The Energy Project does not take issue with the Staff's initial designation of which issues are appropriate for rulemaking and which are more suitable for a policy statement. Because matters which are addressed in a policy statement can later be converted for treatment in a rulemaking, the Commission and parties retain flexibility. As this docket progresses and additional information develops on the issues, it may be appropriate to review the approach chosen for the different issue areas and The Energy Project reserves the right to make additional recommendations.

Thank you for requesting comment.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Simon J. ffitc, WSBA No. 25977*

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