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**Re: Commission Policy on Customer Choice for Smart Meter
Installation, Docket No. UE-180117**

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The Energy Project respectfully provides these comments in response to the Commission's February 16, 2018, Notice in this docket. The Energy Project has a strong interest in the topic of advanced meter infrastructure (AMI) deployment. We are pleased the Commission has opened this inquiry and look forward to dialogue regarding potential utility system benefits from smart meter deployment as well as potential risks to the system and customer and stakeholder concerns.

The Commission's Notice posed a series of questions regarding the topic of customer choice, including potential options for opt-out/opt-in. The Energy Project does not have responses to those specific questions at this time. We observe that some of those questions were appropriately seeking company information and experience, and we look forward to reviewing the information and comments filed by the companies and all stakeholders in response to the Notice and we may file future comments as appropriate in response.

The Notice also explains the Commission's intent to "open a separate docket to address other policy issues related to AMI installation, including, but not limited to, data privacy, remote disconnection, and customer notifications." Those policy issues are of particular concern to the Energy Project and thus we will await further announcement of Commission inquiry in those areas.

Sincerely,

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