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OFFICE OF ENERGY MARKET REGULATION

In Reply Refer To:
WestConnect
Docket No. ER09-409-001
March 26, 2009

2502 Cemetery Lane
Council, ID 83612

Attention: Charles Reinhold
WestConnect Project Manager

Reference: Compliance Filing

Dear Mr. Reinhold:

On February 25, 2009, the WestConnect participants submitted a compliance filing in accordance with the Commission's February 10, 2009 order in this proceeding.¹ In the February 10 Order, the Commission required the jurisdictional transmission providers to (1) demonstrate that the proposed use of an index for loss compensation in the regional tariffs is appropriate, (2) correct certain reference errors in each of the jurisdictional transmission provider's regional tariffs, and (3) bring the Nevada Power Company regional tariff into compliance with the requirements of Order No. 614.² The instant filing satisfactorily complies with the February 10 Order.

The participants' use of the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) Palo Verde Financial Peak and Off-Peak Daily Indices support the quality and liquidity of the Palo Verde location, consistent with Commission policy.³ The Westconnect participants also have

¹ *WestConnect*, 126 FERC ¶ 61,105 (2009) (February 10 Order).

² *Designation of Electric Rate Schedule Sheets*, Order No. 614, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,096 (2000).

³ *Order Regarding Future Monitoring of Voluntary Price Formation, Use of Price*
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made the required corrections to the reference errors identified in the February 10 Order and brought the Nevada Power Company regional tariff into compliance with the requirements of Order No. 614. Accordingly, the compliance filing is accepted effective February 11, 2009, as designated, consistent with the February 10 Order.

Notice of this filing was issued on March 5, 2009, with protests, comments or motions to intervene due on or before March 18, 2009. No protests or adverse comments were filed. Notices of intervention and unopposed timely filed motions to intervene are granted pursuant to the operation of Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 C.F.R. § 385.214). Any opposed or untimely filed motion to intervene is governed by the provisions of Rule 214.

This acceptance for filing shall not be construed as constituting approval of the referenced filing or any rate, charge, classification or any rule, regulation or practice affecting such rate or service provided for in the filed documents; nor shall such acceptance be deemed as recognition of any claimed contractual right or obligation associated therewith; and such acceptance is without prejudice to any findings or orders which have been or any which may hereafter be made by the Commission in any proceeding now pending or hereafter instituted by or against WestConnect or its participants.

This action is taken pursuant to authority delegated to the Director, Division of Tariffs and Market Development – West, under 18 C.F.R. § 375.307 of the Commission's regulations. This order constitutes final agency action. Requests for rehearing by the Commission may be filed within 30 days of the date of issuance of this order, pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 385.713.

Sincerely,

Steve P. Rodgers, Director
Division of Tariffs and Market
Development – West

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