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July 23, 2020

Via Electronic Service

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission,
Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement v.
Verde Energy USA, Inc.
Docket No. C-2020-3017229
I&E Letter

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

On June 30, 2020, a Joint Petition for Approval of Settlement was filed in the above-referenced matter by the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement (“I&E”) and Verde Energy USA, Inc. (“Verde”). Verde concurrently filed an Answer to the Complaint. To date, I&E remains the responsible bureau for this matter.

On July 20, 2020, the Office of Consumer Advocate (“OCA”) filed a document labeled *Statement of the Office of Consumer Advocate in Opposition of the Joint Petition for Approval of the Non-Unanimous Settlement Filed by Verde Energy USA, Inc. and the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement* (“Statement in Opposition”). However, “Statement in Opposition” is not a recognized pleading under the Commission’s regulations. Rather, 52 Pa. Code § 5.232(g) provides:

Review of a settlement petition by the Commission. When no presiding officer has been assigned, the Commission will review the settlement. *Parties not joining in the settlement may submit objections to the Commission within 20 days of the filing of the petition unless another time period is set by the Commission.*

52 Pa. Code § 5.232(g) (emphasis added).

Accordingly, OCA’s Statement in Opposition, if accepted, should be treated as an objection to the Joint Petition for Approval of Settlement.

Since the 20-day objection period has now passed, no further filings are anticipated or authorized pursuant to Section 5.232(g). As such, the instant matter is ripe for disposition by the Commission.

Copies of this letter have been served on the parties of record in accordance with the Certificate of Service. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Kayla L. Rost in blue ink.

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**BEFORE THE
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Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement	:	
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v.	:	Docket No. C-2020-3017229
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Verde Energy USA, Inc.	:	


CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the foregoing **I&E Letter** dated July 23, 2020, upon the parties listed below, in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a party).

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