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Mr. Culbertson,

Secretary Chiavetta has forwarded your request for an extension to me. My bureau is authorized to address these requests.

My name is Kathryn Sophy, and I am the Director of the Office of Special Assistants. Pursuant to Commission procedures, Exceptions to ALJ decisions come to my office, where we review the exceptions, the ALJ decision, and the entire record of the case. My staff of lawyers and technical experts then draft a proposed PUC order addressing the Exceptions, Reply Exceptions, and any other issue that may be identified in our review.

Unfortunately, the Commission will not be extending the deadline for Exceptions in this case. Because the Commission must meet a statutory deadline in a rate case, time is of the essence. Any extension, and the subsequent necessary extension for Reply Exceptions, would deprive my staff of the time needed to review, research, and draft a proposed order in time to meet a public meeting within the statutory deadline. In order for staff to prepare a Commission order in time for the commissioners to consider it, the existing Exceptions deadline must stand.

Accordingly, your request for an extension is denied. Exceptions are due October 22nd.

Kathryn G. Sophy, Director
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