

BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF NEW MEXICO GAS COMPANY FOR)
APPROVAL OF 2012 ENERGY EFFICIENCY)
PROGRAMS AND PROGRAM COST TARIFF)
RIDER PURSUANT TO THE NEW MEXICO)
PUBLIC UTILITY AND EFFICIENCY USE)
OF ENERGY ACTS,)**

NEW MEXICO GAS COMPANY)

Applicant.)

Utility Case No. 11-00369-UT

**NOTICE OF JOINT FILING OF
PROPOSED PARTIAL RECOMMENDED DECISION**

The Utility Division Staff (“Staff”) of the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (“Commission” or “NMPRC”) and New Mexico Gas Company, Inc. (“NMGC”) jointly submit the attached Proposed Partial Recommended Decision for the Hearing Examiner’s consideration. As discussed at the conclusion of the public hearing in this case on February 13, 2012, Staff and NMGC are in agreement on all but a few issues. This Proposed Partial Recommended Decision summarizes their positions on all issues and leaves blanks in the “Analysis” section for discussion and resolution of those disputed issues.

As directed by the Hearing Examiner at the hearing, on March 9, 2012, NMGC and Staff circulated this Proposed Partial Recommended Decision to the intervenors in this case, the Coalition for Clean Affordable Energy (“CCAЕ”), the Attorney General of the State of New Mexico (“Attorney General”), and Mr. William H. Payne, with a proposal to expedite issuance of a Recommended Decision by the Hearing Examiner and

a Final Order by the Commission. Staff, NMGC, CCAE, and the Attorney General have agreed to the following procedural terms and deadlines:

- (1) Staff will file a Brief on Disputed Issues and NMGC will file a Position Statement limited to the disputed issues between them contemporaneously with the filing of this Proposed Partial Recommended Decision;
- (2) The intervenors may file Position Statements on any issues in this case on or before Wednesday, March 14, 2012;
- (3) Staff, NMGC, and any intervenor may file exceptions to the Recommended Decision of the Hearing Examiner within three business days of the issuance of the Recommended Decision; and
- (4) The parties and Staff waive the filing of responses to exceptions.

In an e-mail reply to e-mail messages proposing this schedule, which were sent on March 9, 2012 and March 12, 2012, Mr. Payne stated, "I have an objection and will file by Wednesday, March 14."

Staff and NMGC respectfully request that the above procedural terms and deadlines be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

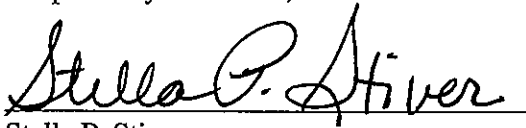
I HEREBY CERTIFY that on March 12, 2012, a true and correct copy of **Notice of Joint Filing of Proposed Partial Recommended Decision** was delivered by electronic mail and hand delivery to each of the following persons:

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stella P. Stiver". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

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