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To: Brenda Burns
Subject: RE: Response: Position Request Questions - Interim Settlement Agreement - W-01303A-09-0343 and SW-01303A-09-0343

Honorable Commissioner Brenda Burns

Per your request for clarification re: Interim Settlement Agreement.

1. Prior to the Interim Settlement Agreement (ISA), our position on full deconsolidation was negative. I don't believe the affected high cost districts would be best served by full deconsolidation. We have always taken the position against full consolidation as this, after-the-fact solution is in direct opposition to historical rate policy. There are numerous avenues that could indeed include some type of partial consolidation or deconsolidation solution. A taskforce set up for brainstorming is a good way to begin the process toward a viable solution for all parties concerned.
2. Our position has not changed since the ISA was approved. Full consolidation off the table; use the time allowed by the ISA to develop viable solutions for all parties.
3. I am not certain I understand your question. However, I see the ISA as the best choice we had, to obtain time our position needed in case the Commission were to implement full consolidation in a December 2014 vote. Therefore, we see the ISA as an unfortunate but necessary step as an option in the process. Given that reasoning we continue to support the ISA with the caveat as opposed to full consolidation.
4. The ISA was an essential stopgap measure we found necessary to protect our position against full consolidation. Without the ISA we were vulnerable to a possible premature action by the Commission negatively affecting our position.

I respectfully hope my answers are clear enough to assist you with your deliberation of this most difficult case.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

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