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FROM: Commissioner Bob Burns' Office

SUBJECT: Resource Planning and Procurement 2013 and 2014,
Docket No. E-00000V-13-0070

The attached letter from Commissioner Bob Burns was docketed on June 19th, 2015 under Resource Planning and Procurement 2015 and 2016, Docket No. E-00000V-15-0094.

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RE: Resource Planning and Procurement in 2015 and 2016, Docket No. E-00000V-15-0094

Dear Fellow Commissioners, stakeholders and interested parties:

I note with interest Commissioner Little's letter dated June 16, 2015. I agree that it might be appropriate for the Commission to consider whether it would be better for the load-serving entities to have additional time to consider the impact of the final EPA Clean Power Plan Rule when developing their next Integrated Resource Plans. The expected August-September 2015 anticipated date for issuance of the Clean Power Plan Rule does not give the load-serving entities much time to thoroughly understand and investigate the impact the EPA Rule will have in their future planning.

Like Commissioner Little, my comments do not imply support for or acceptance of the EPA Rule; I simply believe that more lead time could result in more thorough and comprehensive resource plans for the Commission to consider.

As I mentioned at the June 16, 2015 Staff Open Meeting, I would also like to hear from the utilities, stakeholders and interested parties regarding the possibility of extending the current IRP planning cycle by one year. If the cycle were extended by one year, load-serving entities would file their plans in April 2017 instead of April 2016. In addition, as we discussed at the Staff Open Meeting, I would like to receive comments regarding whether the Commission should consider the IRPs every three years in lieu of our current two-year cycle.

I look forward to reviewing the comments filed and discussing the matter with my fellow Commissioners at an upcoming Open Meeting.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Burns
Commissioner

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