

January 18, 2019

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20426

Attention: Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary

Re: FERC Form No. 501-G;

El Paso Natural Gas Company, L.L.C.;

Docket No. RP19-73-000

## Commissioners:

On December 7, 2018, El Paso Natural Gas Company, L.L.C. ("El Paso") filed a letter in the instant proceeding apprising the Commission that:

- El Paso hosted a well-attended settlement conference on December 4, 2018, to discuss resolving the regulatory uncertainty created by the FERC Form 501-G process;
- 2. At the December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, El Paso presented a settlement offer to its customers to adjust its recourse rates to reflect tax relief; and
- 3. The parties agreed to update the Commission regarding their settlement discussions on or before Friday, January 18, 2019.

A significant amount of activity has occurred since the initial December 4<sup>th</sup> settlement conference. More specifically, on December 21, 2018, El Paso received a counteroffer from the customer group, and on January 14, 2019, El Paso tendered a responsive counteroffer to the customer group. Moreover, El Paso provided the parties its rate model on December 7, 2018, which was subsequently refreshed by the customers to reflect their December 21<sup>st</sup> counteroffer. El Paso, in turn, recently refreshed and circulated the model to reflect its January 14<sup>th</sup> counteroffer. Throughout this period there have been numerous settlement discussions.

Given the efforts that have been made to date, the parties would like additional time to continue pursuing good faith settlement discussions. Accordingly, the parties have agreed to update the Commission again on these settlement discussions on or before Friday, February 8, 2019, which is twenty-one days following the date of this letter.

Respectfully submitted,

EL PASO NATURAL GAS COMPANY, L.L.C.

/s/
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Vice President, Regulatory

## Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon each person designated on the official service list compiled by the Secretary in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of 18 C.F.R. § 385.2010 (2018) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado as of this 18th day of January 2019.

/s/
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