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Chairman Jon Wellinghoff
Commissioner Phil Moeller
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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

Re: MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company, Silver Merger Sub, Inc., NV Energy, Inc., Nevada Power Company, and Sierra Pacific Power Company Joint Application for Authorization under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act, Docket No. EC13-128-000

Dear Chairman Wellinghoff and Commissioners:

I am writing in support of the proposed acquisition agreement between MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company and NV Energy.¹ I am encouraged by the announced acquisition and am pleased at what it reflects about the State of Nevada's economic future.

When I was first made aware of the acquisition in May, I stated, "I look forward to MidAmerican becoming a part of our business community and welcome it to the Great State of Nevada." I stand by that statement because the acquisition will promote financial investment in new generation and transmission infrastructure in Nevada. Additionally, the acquisition will increase NV Energy's financial stability, which will directly benefit its customers. Finally, MidAmerican's ownership and operations in both the Eastern and Western Interconnections and in organized and non-organized markets will bring an expertise to Nevada that previously did not exist. For these reasons, I continue to believe the acquisition will help Nevada remain on the path towards a new energy future.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter.

Sincere regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brian Sandoval".

BRIAN SANDOVAL
Governor

¹ I recognize this is an open docket with the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada, Docket No. 13-07021 and do not intend for this letter to be considered as a comment on that matter.