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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

**RE: 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**

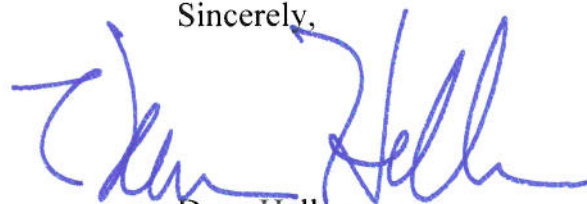
Dear Chairman Wellinghoff and Commissioners:

I am writing to urge the Commission to closely consider the joint application filed by MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company and NV Energy in compliance with Section 203 of the Federal Power Act, in light of their recent acquisition. It is my understanding that the applicants have requested that the Commission issue an order authorizing the transaction prior to December 20, 2013 to allow the transaction to close in January 2014.

There is no doubt that Nevada's energy future depends heavily upon renewable energy development and deployment. This will require significant investment and expertise. MidAmerican has that expertise, and the ability to create new opportunities to bolster the financial stability of the state's largest electrical utility for the benefit of Nevadans

Thank you for your consideration of this letter and the joint application.

Sincerely,



Dean Heller
United States Senator