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Subject: Acceptance of SunZia Regional Planning Report

On December 15, 2006, the Southwestern Power Group initiated the WECC Regional Planning Process for the SunZia Southwest Transmission Project (SunZia). SunZia is currently envisioned to be an EHV participation transmission project (via an “open-season” process) between southern New Mexico and southern Arizona. The proposed project is expected to provide for at least 1200MW of transmission capacity between southern New Mexico and southern Arizona on a non-simultaneous rating. The project will be an addition to the existing WECC Path 47 into southern New Mexico. The proposed in-service date for segments of the project is 2011, depending on the interest of the participants of the project.

A project review group was formed and a Regional Planning Project Report was completed. The review group allows PCC members to request the project sponsor to perform additional studies or provide their own studies and may recommend the evaluation of alternatives or options that may provide greater regional benefits. On June 7, 2007, the Regional Planning Project Report for the project was provided to PCC for a 30-day comment period. This comment period allowed PCC members the opportunity to review and comment on the project conformity with the Regional Planning Guidelines.

No comments were received during the 30-day comment period. The final Regional Planning Project Report is attached. Accordingly, this letter serves as notification that the Regional Planning Project Review has been completed for the Sunzia Southwest Transmission Project. The project has also entered Phase 1 of the Project Rating Process.

Sincerely,

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