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Re: Docket No. 18-2602-01 Pacific Energy Response to Divisions Memorandum

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Attached please find Pacific's response to Divisions Status report. I will appreciate if this is placed in the public record

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On Wednesday, June 12, 2019, 02:47:54 PM PDT, DataRequest DPU <dpudatarequest@utah.gov> wrote:

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June 13, 2019

Public Service Commission
State of Utah

Subject: Memorandum of the Division dated June 12, 2019

On June 12, 2019, the Division through its Senior Pipeline Engineer and Program Manager Mr. Al Hadi Zadeh, filed a memorandum with the Commission. The memorandum is contrary to the facts.

Pacific shut down its compressor on Sunday June 9 at 8 AM thus it stopped shipping gas to Dead Horse Oil Company the current operator of the Pipeline. Pacific will vent methane into the air as it is not shipping any gas. Blue Hills is now flaring its natural gas. Both venting and flaring have been approved by the Utah Division of Oil Gas and Mining. Currently total amount of Methane vented and flared is about 500,000 cubic feet per day. This being equivalent to 487,500 pounds of Carbon Dioxide emissions every day or in plain language same as produced by 19,200 automobiles every single day.

Pacific on behalf of the owners has gas stored in the pipeline similarly to other operators which have gas stored in the pipeline. Total amount of natural gas stored in the pipeline exceeds 30,000,000 cubic of Methane. This gas is currently stranded. Apparently the Division wants the Pipeline Operator to vent the Methane into the Atmosphere. This is not only not in the Commission's order, it is against public interest a waste of resources. Methane is far greater contributor to global warming compared to Carbon Dioxide. Unpermitted venting of 30,000,000 cubic feet of natural gas is against the law. Venting this amount of Methane is equivalent to what is produced by 1.7 million automobiles.

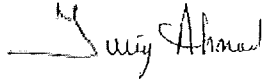
On Tuesday June 4, 2019 Pacific through its counsel Terry Spencer asked the Division to set a meeting between Pacific Energy and the Division's Engineer

to review Pacific's responses to the alleged violations as stated in Commission's order.

Division did not respond to Pacific's request. Without an in person meeting with the Division's Engineers, Pacific cannot move forward on the Violations. As noted in Pacific's filings with the Commission, the Division has consistently failed to respond to any of Pacific's requests.

As stated above Pacific is in compliance with the Commission's order. The Division on the other hand is not in compliance with Commissions order as it has failed to address Pacific's request to a meeting where Pacific has addressed the items in Commissions order.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tariq Ahmad". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Tariq Ahmad
President