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Pursuant to Rule 8 of the California Public Utilities Commission’s (“Commission”) Rules of Practice and Procedure, The Nevada Hydro Company (“NHC”) hereby gives notice of an ex parte meeting with Bishu Chatterjee, energy Advisor to Commissioner Alan Simon.

On Friday, May 4, 2012 at approximately 11 AM Rexford Wait, Vice President of NHC and David Kates, Project Manager of NHC met with Dr. Chatterjee, at the Commission’s offices at 505 Van Ness Avenue in San Francisco. The communications were oral. The meeting lasted approximately one hour and was held at the request of NHC.

Mr. Wait and Mr. Kates discussed the numerous factual and legal problems with the proposed decision issued in the proceeding in April 2012. In particular, Mr. Wait and Mr. Kates addressed: (1) the apparently higher than normal standard to which NHC’s application seems to be held; (2) the benefits the project will impart to ratepayers; and, (3) how intervenors seem to be using Commission’s procedures to prevent NHC from being able to make that demonstration. In addition, the parties discussed issues surrounding the SONGS outage, and Mr. Wait pointed out that (4) the outage may require that Path 44 be de-rated; (5) that last summer’s blackout in southern California caused

tremendous economic damage to the region; that (6) NHC can expedite construction to help meet the crisis; and, (7) that the Commission (and other agencies) should expedite approval of the project.

/s/ David Kates

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