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Pursuant to Rule 8.4(a) of the California Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) Rules of Practice and Procedure, SFPP, L.P. (“SFPP”) hereby provides notice of ex parte communication in the above-captioned proceedings.

The first meeting was held with Sarah Lerhaupt, Advisor to Commissioner Karen Douglas, by videoconference on July 28, 2026, at 1:30 PM and lasted approximately 27 minutes. No written materials were presented or provided. The non-Commission attendees in the meeting from SFPP were Mike Garthwaite, President, Kinder Morgan Products Pipelines; Allen Fore, Vice President, Kinder Morgan, Inc.; Daniel Sanborn, Vice President, Kinder Morgan, Inc.; and Susan Kittey, Assistant General Counsel, Kinder Morgan, Inc. Also in attendance was Tony Brunello, Partner, California Strategies.

The second meeting was held with Edwin Schmitt, Advisor to Commissioner Christine Harada, by videoconference on July 28, 2026, at 2:00 PM and lasted approximately 30 minutes. No written materials were presented or provided. The non-Commission attendees in the meeting from SFPP were Mike Garthwaite, President, Kinder Morgan Products Pipelines; Allen Fore, Vice President, Kinder Morgan, Inc.; Daniel Sanborn, Vice President, Kinder Morgan, Inc.; and Susan Kittey, Assistant General Counsel, Kinder Morgan, Inc. Also in attendance was Tony Brunello, Partner, California Strategies.

During both meetings, SFPP provided background regarding its California refined products pipeline system, including its longstanding operation in California and role in transporting conventional and renewable transportation fuels. SFPP also discussed its Western Gateway project and explained its potential to improve fuel supply reliability and support California's evolving fuel market.

SFPP described the history of its ratemaking proceedings, explained that when its rates were established following Kinder Morgan's acquisition of the system, the Commission directed that destination terminal costs not be included in jurisdictional pipeline rates. SFPP explained that it has consistently structured its rates in accordance with that regulatory framework and that the Interim Proposed Decision represents a significant departure from that longstanding approach.

SFPP further discussed the decline in throughput experienced during the COVID-19 period, the resulting revenue impacts, and the need to recover authorized revenue requirement through pipeline transportation rates. SFPP explained that destination terminals have historically been treated separately from jurisdictional pipeline facilities and noted that previous rate litigation similarly distinguished between pipeline and terminal assets.

SFPP emphasized the importance of regulatory certainty for future infrastructure investment and permitting decisions. SFPP also stated its view that issues relating to destination terminals should be addressed separately from the pending pipeline rate proceedings and suggested that additional time or settlement discussions may assist the parties in determining the appropriate regulatory treatment. The discussion also referenced prior Commission precedent involving other pipeline systems while distinguishing those matters from SFPP's refined products operations.

Respectfully submitted July 31, 2026, at San Francisco, California.

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