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REPLY COMMENTS ON THE 2027-2028 TPP PORTFOLIO RULING**

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I. Comments in Support of High West and Utah EGS

Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems (“UAMPS”) is pleased to provide these reply comments in support of retaining the High West Transmission Project (“High West”) and Utah enhanced geothermal systems (“EGS”) in the Commission’s 2027-2028 TPP portfolios. UAMPS views High West as a unique opportunity for collaborative, interregional transmission development and is working with GridLiance West LLC (“GLW”) to evaluate co-development and participation in the project because UAMPS sees direct benefits for its members, including additional transmission capacity, reliability benefits, and access to regional resource diversity.

High West is distinct from other proposed out-of-state transmission pathways because it is designed to directly support Utah load and reliability needs while also enabling delivery of Utah EGS to California. Its planned Utah interconnections at Red Butte and Clover create a regional pathway that can support Utah customers and broader western market integration, rather than functioning solely as a resource export line. UAMPS therefore supports retaining High West and Utah EGS in the 2027-2028 TPP portfolio so CAISO can continue evaluating the project’s regional benefits, costs, and configuration in collaboration with GLW and other potential participants.

UAMPS has a strong interest in participating in High West and is working with GLW toward a potential cost-sharing agreement, subject to commercial terms and applicable

approvals. That potential participation should inform the project's evaluation, including the allocation of costs among regional beneficiaries. Continued planning will allow those arrangements and the project's development assumptions to be evaluated together.

UAMPS appreciates the opportunity to submit these reply comments and urges the Commission to retain High West and Utah EGS in the 2027-2028 TPP portfolio.

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Respectfully submitted,

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