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Re: Silver Merger Sub, Inc., NV Energy, Inc., Nevada Power Company, and Sierra Pacific Power Company Joint Application for Authorization under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act, Docket No. EC13-128-000

Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

I am writing regarding the recent acquisition agreement between MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company and NV Energy. I urge the Commission to give close consideration to the joint application filed by the two companies this month in compliance with Section 203 of the Federal Power Act.

I understand that the applicants have requested that the Commission issue an order authorizing the transaction on or before December 19, 2013 in order to allow the transaction to close in January 2014.

This matter will impact Nevada's clean energy future and is important to investments in the infrastructure necessary to integrate greater amounts of clean energy into our grid. MidAmerican has extensive experience building clean, efficient generation and transmission and they have committed to deploying this experience to the benefit of Nevadans. MidAmerican has experience that will create new opportunities to bolster the financial stability of the state's largest electrical utility, resources that provide new access to capital for clean energy projects, and the expertise that comes from MidAmerican's operations in organized and non-organized markets in the West and Midwest.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter and the joint application.

Harry Reid Majority Leader

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