

Dear Secretary Brilling, Judges Stegemoller and Agresta:

Please accept this Statement in Support of the Joint Proposal, filed on December 7, 2012 in the subject cases, on behalf of Intervenor U.S. Department of Defense.

DOD participated in settlement discussions, open to all parties, through October and November, 2012. These discussions resulted in the Joint Proposal of December 7, 2012. In addition to Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation and DOD, the parties signing and supporting the provisions of the Joint Proposal include the Department of Public Service Staff, Multiple Intervenor, and others representing a broad range of interests.

The Joint Proposal addresses the many complex issues that arose in these cases and provides a balanced, just and reasonable resolution and a constructive and stable basis for the provision of gas and electric power to DOD installations and other customers in NMPC's service territory.

For the foregoing reasons, DOD respectfully requests adoption of the Joint Proposal.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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