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## THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA'S RESPONSE TO THE DOCKETING STATEMENT PURSUANT TO NRAP 14(F) AND REQUEST TO EXCEED THE ONE-PAGE LIMIT IMPOSED BY NRAP 14(F)

The Docketing Statement ("Statement") contains inaccurate statements, is argumentative, and misstates the issues on appeal: <u>Issue on Appeal ("Issue") #1</u> appears to state that *Pub. Serv. Comm'n v. Ely Light & Power Co.*, 80 Nev. 312, 393 P.2d 305 (1964), applies a presumption of prudence. A presumption of prudence is never discussed in the *Ely Light* case, and nothing in *Ely Light* indicates that a public utility is entitled to a presumption of prudence. <u>Issues #4</u>

and #5 make reference to the "Commission's own staff," leading to the false impression that the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada ("PUCN") did not follow the recommendations of its own advisory staff. The "staff" referenced in the Statement refers to the Regulatory Operations Staff of the PUCN, which is the investigative arm of the PUCN that acts as an *entirely independent party* in contested proceedings before the PUCN, and thus, is the not the PUCN's "own staff." The Regulatory Operations Staff independently develops its testimony and determines the issues that it will raise in every PUCN contested proceeding, including at the hearing on the contested matter. Issue #7 states that the Commission applied a "novel burden" and "penalize[ed]" Southwest Gas for not producing certain evidence. Issue #7 is argumentative and inaccurately characterizes the facts of the case, the PUCN decision on appeal, and the findings of the District Court. The facts do not indicate that a novel burden was applied or that Southwest Gas was penalized.

The PUCN respectfully requests leave to exceed the one-page response limit found in NRAP 14(f). Given the number of inaccuracies in the Issues, as noted above, the PUCN believes good cause exists for exceeding the page limit.

DATED this 26th day of May, 2020.

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