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Dear Mr. Curry:

M08059 - Generation Utilization and Optimization Report

In its letter of August 22, 2017, the Board approved the amended Terms of Reference filed by Synapse Energy Economics Inc. (Synapse), dated August 1, 2017, for the Generation Utilization and Optimization analysis. The amendments were largely in response to stakeholder suggestions for additional modeling, and also for greater levels of participation during various stages of the analysis process. The Board understands that both requests have been accommodated by Synapse, which has also resulted in the estimated milestone dates being significantly extended.

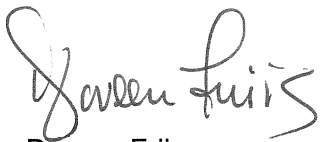
The Technical Conference, previously estimated to take place in January/February, was held on March 28, 2018. Filing of the final report by Synapse, previously estimated as "Early 2018", was received on May 1, 2018 and distributed to participants. The appendices to that report are included with this letter, and the confidential version has been posted in the TitanFile repository.

The Board had tentatively reserved the dates of May 28 to June 1, 2018 in its regulatory schedule to address this matter, pending a review of the final report. Those dates have now been released.

The next step in the process contemplated NSPI providing the Board and participants with its comments on the Synapse report and a response to the recommendations contained in the report. Accordingly, NSPI's filing is **due no later than Thursday June 7, 2018**. Interested parties are invited to file their comments **by Thursday June 21, 2018**. Reply submission by Synapse is to be filed **by Monday July 9, 2018**. In their submissions, all parties are requested to indicate any further process they consider appropriate regarding this matter.

The Board panel assigned to this matter is comprised of Peter W. Gurnham, Q.C., Chair, Roland A. Deveau, Q.C., Vice Chair, and Steven M. Murphy, MBA, P.Eng, Member.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Doreen Friis', with a stylized, flowing script.

Doreen Friis
Regulatory Affairs Officer/Clerk

Enclosures

c: Interested Parties M08059
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