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14 **DISTRICT COURT**
 15 **CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA**

17 THE STATE OF NEVADA, in its proprietary)
 Capacity and as *Parens Patriae*, by and)
 18 through its Attorney General, Brian Sandoval;)
 ROBERT L. MOORE and COLETTE L.)
 19 MOORE, individually and as Class)
 Representatives for all others similarly)
 20 Situated; and JENNIFER FRAZEE and JOHN)
 FRAZEE, individually and doing business as)
 21 FRAZEE ELECTRIC, individually and as)
 Class Representatives for all others similarly)
 22 Situated,)

23 Plaintiffs,

24 vs.

25 EL PASO CORPORATION; EL PASO)
 NATURAL GAS COMPANY; EL PASO)
 26 MERCHANT ENERGY COMPANY, a)
 Division of El Paso Corporation; EL PASO)
 27 TENNESSEE PIPELINE COMPANY; EL)
 PASO MERCHANT ENERGY-GAS, L.P.;)
 28 EL PASO GAS MARKETING COMPANY,)

CASE NO.: A458583
 DEPT. NO.: IV

CLASS ACTION

**[PROPOSED] ORDER
 CONDITIONALLY CERTIFYING
 SETTLEMENT CLASS; GRANTING
 MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY
 APPROVAL; AND SCHEDULING
 HEARING ON FINAL APPROVAL**

1 EL PASO POWER OPERATIONS)
 2 COMPANY; EL PASO MERCHANT)
 3 ENERGY-PETROLEUM COMPANY;)
 4 SEMPRA ENERGY; SOUTHERN)
 5 CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY; SAN)
 6 DIEGO GAS AND ELECTRIC; SEMPRA)
 7 ENERGY TRADING CO.; SEMPRA)
 8 ENERGY RESOURCES CO.; SEMPRA)
 9 ENERGY POWER I; SEMPRA ENERGY)
 10 SOLUTIONS; SEMPRA ENERGY SALES)
 11 L.L.C. and DOES 1-100,)
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 13 Defendants.)

9 WHEREAS, this Court has presided over proceedings in the above-captioned action
 10 and is familiar with all of the pleadings, records, and papers on file; and

11 WHEREAS, Plaintiffs which include the State of Nevada, Robert L. Moore, Colette L.
 12 Moore as the Plaintiffs, and Defendants, Sempra Energy, Southern California Gas Company,
 13 San Diego Gas & Electric, Sempra Energy Trading Company, Sempra Energy Resources
 14 Company, Sempra Energy Power I, Sempra Energy Solutions, and Sempra Energy Sales
 15 (hereinafter referred to as the "Sempra Defendants") have entered into a proposed Settlement
 16 Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A", that sets forth the essential
 17 terms of the Settlement, including the consideration, scope of releases, and structural relief
 18 provided by the Settlement;

19 WHEREAS, the Court has reviewed the Settlement Agreement together with the
 20 Exhibits thereto and has heard the attorneys for the parties with respect to the proposed
 21 Settlement of these actions; and

22 WHEREAS, the Court has determined that a hearing should be held at which the Court
 23 will consider whether the Settlement Agreement should be finally approved as fair, reasonable,
 24 and adequate.

25 GOOD CAUSE APPEARING, the Court hereby finds and orders as follows:

- 26 1. That the settlement class - as defined in Paragraphs 3.3(a) of the Settlement
 27 Agreement - is certified as a class for purposes of settlement. The Court finds that an
 28 ascertainable settlement class and a community of interest exist among the members of the

1 proposed settlement class. Certification of the Settlement Class for settlement purposes is the
2 best means for protecting the interests of all of the settlement class members.

3 2. More specifically, the Court finds for the purposes of settlement only that: (a) the
4 Settlement Class as proposed is ascertainable; (b) the members of the Settlement Class are
5 so numerous that joinder would be impracticable; (c) there is a community of interest between
6 the members of the Settlement Class; (d) there are questions of law and fact that are common
7 to the Settlement Class and those common questions predominate over individual questions;
8 (e) the claims of the proposed representatives of the Settlement Class are typical of the claims
9 of absent members of the Settlement Class to which they belong; and (f) the proposed
10 representatives of the Settlement Class and the proposed counsel for the Settlement Class will
11 fairly and adequately represent the interests of the absent members.

12 3. Accordingly, the Court hereby certifies, for settlement purposes only, a
13 Settlement Class consisting of: all individuals and entities in Southern Nevada who purchased
14 gas and/or electric power, including those who purchased gas or transportation service from
15 Southwest Gas Corporation and/or electric power from Nevada Power Company, from
16 September 1, 1996 through January 4, 2006. Pursuant to the request of the Plaintiffs, the
17 Court hereby appoints the Attorney General's Office for the State of Nevada as Class counsel
18 for the Settlement Class and Robert and Colette Moore as the representative Class Plaintiffs.

19 4. The Court finds the Settlement Agreement is the product of arm's-length, serious,
20 informed, and non-collusive negotiations between experienced and knowledgeable counsel
21 who have ably prosecuted and contested this litigation. The Settlement therefore enjoys a
22 presumption of fairness, and meets the standards for preliminary approval. Accordingly, the
23 Court grants preliminary approval to the Settlement described in the Settlement Agreement.

24 5. The form and contents of the proposed summary notice for publication - attached
25 hereto as Exhibit "B" satisfies the requirements for giving Notice, and are hereby approved for
26 dissemination to the Settlement Class.

27 6. The proposed plan for dissemination of the notices, described in the Declaration
28 of Cameron Azari in Support of Plaintiffs' Motion for preliminary approval of the settlement is

1 reasonably calculated to reach a substantial percentage of class members, and satisfies the
2 requirements of due process. The Court finds that personal notification of the members of the
3 individuals and entities in Southern Nevada who purchased gas and/or electric power,
4 including those who purchased gas from Southwest Gas and/or electric power from Nevada
5 Power Company, would include almost every household and business in Southern Nevada,
6 and would be unreasonably expensive, especially in light of the fact that these class members
7 will receive the benefits of the Settlement without the necessity of filing claims. The publication
8 of a summary notice attached as Exhibit "B" is therefore an appropriate means of notifying
9 class members of the proposed Settlement.

10 7. On or before May 19, 2006, the notice shall be disseminated substantially as set
11 forth in the form of Exhibit "B" attached to this Order. The notice shall be disseminated on the
12 schedule and in the newspapers and media as set forth in the Declaration of Cameron Azari.
13 Lead counsel for the Settlement Class shall also post a copy of this Order, the Settlement
14 Agreement, and papers filed in support of final approval on the website set forth in the
15 Declaration of Cameron Azari. The expenses of printing, mailing, and publishing the notices,
16 the expenses associated with maintaining and maintaining the website, shall be paid by the
17 Plaintiffs, as provided in the Settlement Agreement.

18 8. Any member of any Settlement Class may request exclusion from the Settlement
19 Class by personally signing and mailing such request, postmarked on or before August 10,
20 2006 (the "Opt-Out Deadline"), to:

21 Attorney General's Office
22 Bureau of Consumer Protection
23 100 North Carson Street
24 Carson City, NV 89701
25 Attn. Settlement Administrator

26 Such request shall state the name and address of the Settlement Class Member requesting
27 exclusion, and, in substance, that the class member elects to be excluded from the Settlement
28 Class. Settlement Class members who timely exclude themselves in this manner will not be
bound by any judgment entered in connection with this settlement. Members of the Settlement
Class who do not timely exclude themselves in this manner will be bound by the terms of this

1 Settlement, if it is finally approved by the Court, and by any judgment entered pursuant thereto.
2 Copies of any exclusions received pursuant to this paragraph shall be provided to counsel for
3 Settling Defendants not more than ten (10) calendar days after the Opt-Out Deadline.

4 9. Any member of the Settlement Class who does not exclude themselves from the
5 Settlement Class may, but need not, enter an appearance in this action through their own
6 attorney. Class members who do not enter an appearance through their own attorneys will be
7 represented by counsel appointed to represent the Settlement Class in paragraphs 3-6 above.

8 10. On September 8, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. a hearing will be heard in the 8th Judicial
9 District Court, Department IV, located at Regional Justice Center, 200 Lewis Avenue, Las
10 Vegas, NV 89155. At the time of the hearing, the Court will determine whether the proposed
11 Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate, and whether it should be finally approved by the
12 Court and the claims against the Settling Defendants, except as provided in the Settlement
13 Agreement. At the same time, the Court shall hold a hearing on the application(s) of Class
14 Counsel for an award of attorneys' fees and expenses, which shall be paid exclusively out of
15 the Settlement consideration provided by the Settling Defendants. The hearing may be
16 continued from time to time without further notice to the Settlement Class, except that any
17 change in the date, time, or location of the hearing shall be promptly posted on the website.

18 11. Briefs in support of final approval of the proposed Settlement and Class
19 Counsel's application(s) for attorneys' fees and expenses shall be filed on or before August 25,
20 2006.

21 12. Any member of the Settlement Class who has not timely requested exclusion
22 may appear at the final approval hearing and show cause why the Court should not approve
23 this Settlement, and dismiss the actions, with prejudice, as to the Settling Defendants, and
24 may appear at the hearing to support or oppose Class Counsel's application for attorney's fees
25 and expenses. For a member of the Settlement Class to have any objections considered at
26 the hearing, the class member must file, no later than August 10, 2006, with the Clerk of the
27 District Court of Clark County, Regional Justice Center, 200 Lewis Avenue, Las Vegas, NV
28 89155, a statement which includes: (a) the class member's complete name and residence or

1 business address (giving the address of any lawyer who represents the class member is not
2 sufficient; (b) that the class member purchased natural gas or electricity in Southern Nevada
3 during the period September 1, 1996 through January 4, 2006, inclusive; and (c) each ground
4 for comment or objection and any supporting papers the class member desires the Court to
5 consider. Copies of this statement must also be sent by first-class mail to:

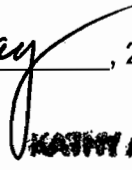
6 Attorney General's Office
7 Bureau of Consumer Protection
8 100 North Carson Street
9 Carson City, NV 89701
10 Attn. Settlement Administrator

Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher
James P. Fogelman
333 South Grand Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90071

11 and must be postmarked not later than August 10, 2006. The filing of any objection shall not
12 extend the time within which a class member may file a request for exclusion from the
13 Settlement Class.

14 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

15 DATED this 18 day of May, 2006.


KATHY A. HARDCASTLE

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

EXHIBIT A

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

THIS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT is made and entered into as of January 4, 2006, by and among, on the one hand, Sempra Energy, a California corporation ("SE"), Southern California Gas Company, a California corporation ("SoCalGas"), San Diego Gas & Electric Company, a California corporation ("SDG&E"), Sempra Generation (f/k/a Sempra Energy Resources), a California corporation ("Sempra Generation"), Sempra Energy Trading Corp., a Delaware corporation ("SET"), Sempra Energy Solutions, a California corporation ("SES"), Sempra Energy Power I, a California corporation ("SEP I"), and Sempra Energy Sales, L.L.C., a California limited liability company ("Sempra Energy Sales" and, collectively with SE, SoCalGas, SDG&E, Sempra Generation, SET, SES and SEP I, the "Sempra Parties"), and, on the other hand, the Nevada AG (as defined below), Robert L. & Collette L. Moore, individually on their own behalf and on behalf of the putative plaintiff classes for which they act as representatives, Jennifer & John Frazee, individually on their own behalf, doing business as Frazee Electric, and on behalf of the putative plaintiff classes for which they act as representatives (collectively the "Settling Claimants").

1. Definitions.

The following terms, whether appearing with initial capital letters or not, which are in addition to other terms with initial capital letters defined in the body of this Agreement or by the context in which they appear in this Agreement, have the following meanings when used in this Agreement:

1.1 "Action" or "Class Action" means *State of Nevada, et al. v. El Paso Corp., et al* (Nevada District Court for Clark County Case No. A458583).

1.2 "Affiliate" means, with respect to a specified Person, any other Person that (a) directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries Controls, is Controlled by or is under common Control with the specified Person or (b) is a predecessor, successor or assign (including by merger or otherwise by operation of law) of such specified Person.

1.3 "Agreement" means this Settlement Agreement, its Attachment A, and any written amendments or modifications to this Settlement Agreement that are approved in writing in accordance with the terms of Paragraph 12.2 hereof.

1.4 "Allocation Agreement" means that certain agreement or agreements, by and among the Settling Claimants, pursuant to which the Settling Claimants, among other things, allocate the Consideration among the Settling Claimants.

1.5 "Bankruptcy Code" means Title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. § 101, *et seq.*, as now in effect and as hereafter amended.

1.6 "Business Day" means any day other than a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday in the State of California in which state government is not generally open for business to the public.

1.7 "Business Entity" means a partnership, limited partnership, limited liability

partnership, corporation (including a business trust), limited liability company, joint stock company, trust, unincorporated association, joint venture, business association, firm, governmental agency or authority or other entity or organization of any type, including, without limitation, the Settlement Fund.

1.8 "California Settlement Agreement" means that certain Settlement Agreement, dated as of January 4, 2006, by and among the Sempra Parties and the settling claimants named therein, its Attachments A through D, and any written amendments or modifications to such agreement that are approved in writing in accordance with its terms.

1.9 "Claim" means any (a) right to payment or value, whether or not such right is reduced to judgment, liquidated, unliquidated, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, legal, equitable, secured or unsecured, (b) right to a legal or equitable remedy for breach of performance, whether or not such right to a legal or equitable remedy is reduced to judgment, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, secured or unsecured, and/or (c) right granted by statute, regulation, common law or order of any agency or court not otherwise covered by clauses (a) or (b) above.

1.10 "Class" or "Classes" collectively means the classes contemplated to be certified by this Agreement. Without limiting the foregoing, the "Classes" will in any event include all individuals and entities in Southern Nevada who purchased Gas from Southwest Gas or electricity from Nevada Power Company at any time from September 1996 to the date of this Agreement.

1.11 "Class Action Court" means the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, Nevada.

1.12 "Class Counsel" means the Nevada AG and the law firm of Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP, and each of them.

1.13 "Class Plaintiffs" means the named plaintiffs in the Action and the Class members and putative Class members they represent.

1.14 "Consideration" means, collectively, the consideration agreed to be given by the Sempra Parties pursuant to the terms of Paragraph 4 of this Agreement.

1.15 "Control" means the possession, directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of a Person, whether through the ability to exercise voting power, by contract or otherwise. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, for purposes of this Agreement, a specified Person shall be deemed to be Controlled by another Person if such other Person possesses, directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, (a) the power to elect, designate or otherwise cause the designation of a majority of the members of the board of directors or the equivalent governing body of such specified Person, or (b) legal or beneficial ownership of at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the Equity Interests of such Person. "Controlling" and "Controlled" have meanings correlative thereto. For purposes of this Agreement "beneficial ownership" shall have the meaning set forth in Rule 13d-3(a) as currently promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

1.16 "Custodian" means any receiver, trustee, assignee, liquidator or similar official or Person under the Bankruptcy Code.

1.17 "Designated Representative" means, collectively, (a) the Settling Claimants, and each of them, or any other person selected by the Settling Claimants to act in such capacity, and (b) in the event of a monetization of Deferred Payments, as defined in Paragraph 4.1(g), or any future payments or Consideration of any kind under the Agreement, any assignee(s) of the Settlement Fund's rights in and to the Consideration, but only with respect to the rights, duties and obligations relating thereto.

1.18 "Electric Power" means electric energy and related products, including, without limitation, generation, capacity, transmission, trading, sale, and ancillary services such as regulation, spinning reserve, non-spinning reserve and replacement reserve.

1.19 "Equity Interest(s)" means (a) any capital stock, partnership interest, joint venture ownership interest, limited liability company membership interest, beneficial interest in a trust or similar Person, or any other equity, beneficial or ownership interest in another Person of whatever type or nature and (b) any securities, shares or rights representing, convertible into or exercisable for any of the foregoing described in clause (a) above, including, without limitation, any preemptive, subscription, acquisition or other outstanding right, option, warrant, conversion right, exercise right, stock appreciation right, redemption right, repurchase right, or similar right related to any of the foregoing described in clause (a) above.

1.20 "Gas" means any natural gas or natural gas-related product or service.

1.21 "Investment Grade" means, with respect to a Person's non-credit enhanced, senior unsecured long-term debt, an investment grade credit rating by both Moody's Investor Services (i.e., Baa3 or higher) and Standard & Poor's Investment Advisor Services (i.e., BBB-or higher).

1.22 "Letter of Credit" means one or more irrevocable, standby letters of credit, each substantially in the form appended hereto as Attachment A, presentable at an office of the issuer located in the State of California and otherwise in form and content mutually acceptable to the Sempra Parties and Class Counsel, issued by a bank organized and operating under the laws of the United States or the State of California, a "foreign (other state) bank" (as defined in Section 139.5(a) of the California Financial Code), or a duly licensed branch of a "foreign (other nation) bank" (as defined in Section 139.4(b) of the California Financial Code) authorized to conduct banking operations in the State of California, whose non-credit enhanced, senior unsecured long-term debt, after giving effect to the issuance of the Letter of Credit, has a credit rating of at least A- from Standard & Poor's Investment Advisor Services or A3 from Moody's Investor Services.

1.23 "Liabilities" means any and all direct or indirect costs, expenses, actions, causes of actions, suits, judgments, controversies, damages, claims, indebtedness, obligations, commitments, deficiencies, guarantees, liabilities or demands of any nature, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, existing or hereafter arising, liquidated or unliquidated, matured or unmatured, contingent or direct, whether arising at common law, in equity, or under any statute, regulation or order, based in whole or in part upon any act or omission or other occurrence taking place on or prior to the date of this Agreement.

1.24 "Nevada AG" means the Attorney General of Nevada and the People of the State of Nevada, by and through the Attorney General acting as chief law enforcement officer of his state and as *parens patriae*.

1.25 "Paragraph" means a numbered paragraph of this Agreement, unless otherwise noted,

and all references to a Paragraph shall include all subparts or subparagraphs of that Paragraph.

1.26 "Parties" means the Sempra Parties and the Settling Claimants, individually and collectively, and their successors and assigns. Each of the Parties may be individually referred to herein as a "Party."

1.27 "Person" or "Persons" means an individual, trustee or Business Entity.

1.28 "Private Parties" means, collectively, the named plaintiffs in the Action (excluding the Nevada AG), in their individual and representative capacities in the Class Action, and the members of the Classes.

1.29 "Released Claims" means any and all of the Claims released or waived pursuant to the terms of Paragraph 5 of this Agreement.

1.30 "Responsible Officer" means, with respect to any Person, the chief executive officer, the president, or the chief financial officer of such Person, or any other senior officer of such Person having substantially the same authority and responsibility.

1.31 "Settlement Fund" means and refers to the settlement fund described in Paragraph 8.4 and elsewhere within this Agreement into which Consideration shall be deposited by the Sempra Parties from time to time as provided in Paragraph 4.1 of this Agreement.

1.32 "Subsidiary" means, as to any specified Person, (a) any Person the accounts of which are, or are required to be, consolidated with those of the specified Person's consolidated financial statements or (b) any Person that is Controlled by such specified Person.

2. RECITALS.

2.1 On November 15, 2002, the State of Nevada, by and through the Nevada AG, acting as chief law enforcement officer of his state and as *parens patriae*, and class representatives Robert and Colette Moore and Jennifer and John Frazee, filed the Class Action against the Sempra Parties, and other defendants, in the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, Nevada, alleging that the Sempra Parties and others had engaged in unfair trade practices in the Southern Nevada and Southern California Gas and Electric Power markets. The Class Action seeks (a) monetary damages and (b) civil penalties pursuant to the Nevada Unfair Trade Practices Act, NRS Chapter 598A. On February 21, 2003, these Plaintiffs filed their First Amended Complaint in the Class Action.

2.2 Before commencing the putative Class Action, and during the course of the litigation and settlement negotiations, Class Counsel conducted a thorough examination and evaluation of the relevant law and facts to assess the merits of their Claims and to determine how best to serve the interests of Class Plaintiffs and the Classes. In the course of their examination, Class Counsel have reviewed documents produced by the Sempra Parties and third parties, and have conducted discussions with executives and counsel of the Sempra Parties. Class Counsel also have retained and consulted with experts concerning the facts discovered in this matter, the merits of Class Plaintiffs' Claims, and the defenses raised by the Sempra Parties.

2.3 Based upon their discovery, investigation and evaluation of the facts and law relating to the matters alleged in the pleadings, Settling Claimants and Class Counsel have agreed to settle the Class Action pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement, after considering such factors as (a) the

substantial benefits to Class Plaintiffs and the Classes under the terms of this Agreement, (b) the substantial expense, burdens and uncertainties associated with continued litigation of the Claims and Action, including the possibility of losing the Action before the trial court or on appeal, and (c) the desirability of consummating this Agreement promptly, in order to benefit the Settling Claimants, the Class Plaintiffs and the Classes.

2.4 The settlement reflected in this Agreement has been reviewed by legal counsel, various consultants and experts retained by Class Plaintiffs, and Class Plaintiffs and Class Counsel each agree that this Agreement is fair, reasonable, and adequate because it provides substantial benefits to the Class, eliminates the risk of continued litigation and is in the best interests of the Classes.

2.5 The Sempra Parties expressly and vigorously deny any wrongdoing alleged in the Class Action, and do not admit or concede any actual or potential fault, wrongdoing or liability in connection with any fact or Claim that has been or could have been alleged against them in the Class Action. Nevertheless, the Sempra Parties consider it desirable for the Class Action to be settled, resolved, and dismissed at this time because such settlement will (a) confer substantial benefits on the Sempra Parties and its shareholders, including the avoidance of further expense and disruption of the management and operation of the business of the Sempra Parties due to the pendency and defense of the Class Action, (b) finally put Class Plaintiffs' claims and the other matters to rest, (c) avoid the substantial burdens and uncertainties associated with continued litigation of those claims, and (d) provide substantial benefits to the people of the State of Nevada.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, the mutual covenants contained herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, it is agreed between and among the Parties as follows:

3. CLOSING PROVISIONS.

3.1 *Closing.* Consummation of the settlement contemplated by this Agreement (the "Closing") shall take place on the second Business Day following satisfaction of the conditions precedent set forth below in Paragraph 3.2, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Sempra Parties and the Designated Representative, at such place, on such date, and in such manner as the Designated Representative and Sempra Parties may mutually agree. The date upon which the Closing occurs shall be referred to herein as the "Closing Date." The releases and waivers set forth in Paragraph 5 shall only become effective upon the Closing. In addition, no Consideration shall be paid by the Sempra Parties to the Settlement Fund as set forth in Paragraph 4 until the Closing Date.

3.2 *Conditions Precedent.* The following conditions precedent shall be satisfied in full at or prior to the Closing:

(a) the Class Action Court shall have issued final orders approving the Agreement as fair and reasonable, and otherwise in compliance with the class action laws of Nevada, and all appeals (other than appeals solely with respect to attorneys' fees and costs that do not relate to approval of any provision of this Agreement) of such orders are final and the time for any appeals shall have lapsed;

(b) the Class Action Court shall have entered final judgments of dismissal with prejudice in favor of each of the Sempra Parties, and each of the Released Sempra Parties (as defined below) where applicable, as to the Class Action, and any appeal is final and/or the

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time for any appeal (other than appeals solely with respect to attorneys' fees and costs that do not relate to approval of any provision of this Agreement) of such judgments shall have lapsed. Settling Claimants agree to deliver to the Sempra Parties a Request for Dismissal with prejudice for each Sempra Party in the Class Action, and the Sempra Parties agree to file each Request for Dismissal with prejudice within ten (10) days of receipt from Settling Claimants;

(c) the Parties shall have executed and delivered the full and final releases contemplated by Paragraph 5 of this Agreement and such releases shall be in full force and effect and shall not have been rescinded;

(d) Settling Claimants in the Class Action and the Nevada AG shall have obtained a judicial determination, pursuant to N.R.S. 17.245, that this Agreement was made in good faith, and such determination shall have become final and non-appealable. Settling Claimants in the Class Action and the Nevada AG shall seek to have the hearing(s) on their request for such determination held prior to, or in conjunction with, the Final Settlement Hearing (as defined below);

(e) the Sempra Parties shall have deposited the initial cash payments required by Paragraph 4.1(a) in the Settlement Fund; *provided*, however, that in the event that any of the conditions precedent to the Closing shall not occur, the Sempra Parties shall have the absolute and unfettered right to obtain immediate return of all such payments theretofore made by the Sempra Parties;

(f) each Sempra Party shall have delivered to the Designated Representative a certificate signed by a Responsible Officer of such Sempra Party certifying that (i) the representations and warranties made by such Sempra Party in Paragraphs 7.1 and 7.3 of this Agreement are true and correct as of the Closing Date and (ii) all conditions precedent set forth in this Paragraph 3.2 applicable to such Sempra Party have been satisfied;

(g) each Settling Claimant, through the Designated Representative, shall have delivered to the Sempra Parties a certificate signed by such Settling Claimant, or such Settling Claimant's Responsible Officer or duly authorized representative if such Settling Claimant is not a natural person, certifying that (i) the representations and warranties made by such Settling Claimant in Paragraphs 7.1, 7.2 and 7.4 of this Agreement are true and correct as of the Closing Date and (ii) all conditions precedent set forth in this Paragraph 3.2 applicable to such Settling Claimant have been satisfied or waived;

(h) a Designated Representative Agreement shall have been executed by the Settling Claimants and delivered to the Sempra Parties; and

(i) all conditions precedent set forth in Paragraph 3.2(a) through (h) of the California Settlement Agreement shall have been satisfied in full at or prior to the Closing; *provided* that the condition in this clause (i) may be waived in writing by the Sempra Parties.

3.3 *Class Action Court Approval of Agreement.* No later than ten (10) days after the date on which all Parties have executed this Agreement, the Settling Claimants in the Class Action shall apply to the Class Action Court for preliminary approval of this Agreement and entry of an order (the "Notice Order"), to be agreed upon by the Sempra Parties and Class Plaintiffs and approved by the Court. The Notice Order shall request, among other things required by law:

- (a) certification for settlement purposes only of the Class that will include all individuals and entities in Southern Nevada who purchased Gas and/or Electric Power, including those who purchased Gas from Southwest Gas and/or Electric Power from Nevada Power Company from September 1996 to the date of this Agreement (the "Class");
- (b) preliminary approval of the settlement of the Class Action as set forth in this Agreement; and
- (c) approval of the dissemination to the Class of a settlement notice or notices, in a form to be agreed upon by the Sempra Parties and Class Plaintiffs, which shall set forth the general terms of the class settlement contained in this Agreement and the date of the Final Settlement Hearing. The Sempra Parties and Class Plaintiffs shall propose to the Class Action Court that notice be provided by such methods as are agreed upon by the Sempra Parties and Class Plaintiffs.

The Settling Claimants shall request that, after notice is given, the Class Action Court hold a hearing (the "Final Settlement Hearing") at which the Class Action Court shall determine whether to approve settlement of the Class Action as set forth herein as fair, adequate and reasonable to the Class, and enter a final judgment of dismissal with prejudice as to each of the Sempra Parties pursuant to this Agreement. The Settling Claimants and the Sempra Parties agree that Sempra Parties shall not be responsible for paying any costs or fees in connection with any notice to any Class or Classes contemplated by this Agreement.

At present, the Class Action Court has not certified any class in the Class Action. Solely for the purposes of the settlement of the Class Action, the Sempra Parties agree to the certification of the Classes as defined above in Paragraph 3.3(a). In the event that this Agreement is terminated in whole or part or the Closing does not occur for any reason, the Sempra Parties do not waive and will not be deemed to have waived their rights to oppose any class in the Class Action. Under no circumstances may this Agreement be used as an admission or evidence concerning the appropriateness of class certification of any Class in the event that this Agreement is terminated in whole or part or the Closing does not occur for any reason. The Sempra Parties reserve the right to further oppose class certification and/or seek decertification, either before the Class Action Court or on any appeal, should the Agreement be terminated in whole or part or should the Closing fail to occur.

3.4 *Effect of Class Disapproval and Opt-outs.* If either (a) this Agreement and class settlement is not approved by any court or (b) if more than 1% (measured either by number of Class members, size of natural gas or electricity load, or dollar value of alleged damages) of the Class members of any Class not now certified that is encompassed or contemplated to be certified for settlement purposes by the Agreement, and/or any named plaintiff of any Class not now certified, opts out of the settlement or this Agreement ("Requests for Exclusion"), the Sempra Parties, at their sole option, shall have the right to terminate this Agreement, and any related agreements as to all Settling Claimants.

4. CONSIDERATION FOR AGREEMENT.

4.1 *Consideration By Sempra Parties.* To induce the Settling Claimants to give the releases described in Paragraph 5 of this Agreement, and to make the representations, warranties, covenants, and other agreements set forth herein, the Sempra Parties agree to the following:

(a) *Cash Payments.* The Sempra Parties agree to pay the following amount (less attorneys' fees and costs as determined by the Court and awarded to class counsel): thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000), payable to the Nevada AG, acting as chief law enforcement officer for his state and in his *parens patriae* capacity, and to Robert L. & Collette L. Moore, individually and on behalf of the Nevada Class, in eight equal annual installment payments. In the case of all such installment payments, the first installment payment shall be paid by the Sempra Parties to the Settlement Fund on the Closing Date and the remainder of the installment payments shall be paid by the Sempra Parties to the Settlement Fund on each successive anniversary of the Closing Date, until all such installment payments have been made.

(b) *Attorneys' Fees and Costs.* Any attorneys' fees and costs payable to Class Counsel shall be determined by the Class Action Court and shall be deducted from the cash payments set forth in Paragraph 4.1(a) as determined by the Class Action Court. In no event shall the Sempra Parties ever be responsible to pay any other attorneys' fees and costs payable to Class Counsel in connection with the Action.

(c) *Prepayments.* The Sempra Parties, in their sole and absolute discretion, may prepay any future installment payments contemplated by Paragraph 4.1(a) of this Agreement ("Deferred Payments") or any other Payments as may be called for by this Agreement, in full or in part, at any time following the first anniversary of the Closing Date without penalty or premium and at a discount rate of seven (7) percent.

(d) *Treatment of Partial Prepayments.* Partial prepayments of the Deferred Payments shall reduce the remaining nominal balance of the Deferred Payments by adjusting all remaining annual installment payments on an equal and proportionate basis to reflect the partial prepayment. No partial prepayment will change the due date of any subsequent Deferred Payments unless agreed to in writing by the Parties.

4.2 *Consideration by Settling Claimants.* To induce the Sempra Parties to give the Consideration described in this Agreement, and to make the representations, warranties, covenants, and other agreements set forth herein, each Settling Claimant, collectively and for itself, agrees to:

- (a) give the Released Sempra Parties the waivers and releases applicable to it described in Paragraph 5 of this Agreement;
- (b) dismiss the Class Action, with prejudice;
- (c) cooperate with the Sempra Parties (and to the extent applicable, the Released Sempra Parties) as more fully set forth in this Agreement; and
- (d) satisfy all other terms and conditions contemplated by this Agreement.

4.3 *Manner of Payment.* All Payments and prepayments of cash Consideration contemplated by Paragraph 4.1(a) made on or after the Closing, subject to the payment dates contemplated by this Agreement, shall be made in immediately available funds to the Settlement Fund account or account(s) designated by the Designated Representative in writing and approved by the Class Action Court in lawful currency of the United States of America.

4.4 *Acknowledgement.* The Parties understand and acknowledge that (a) all Consideration

payments made hereunder represent payment for alleged damages, overcharges, and/or restitution, and (b) no part of the Consideration under this Agreement is made in settlement of an actual or potential liability for a fine or penalty (civil or criminal), in settlement of an actual or potential liability for punitive damages, or the cost of, or in lieu of the cost of, a tangible or intangible asset.

4.5 *Settlement Expenses.* Settling Claimants shall pay any and all attorneys' fees, costs and expenses of administration related to the settlement described in this Agreement, any of the underlying Action and any notice of the proposed settlement pursuant to a notice program approved by the Class Action Court.

5. RELEASES, WAIVERS AND RELATED AGREEMENTS.

5.1 *Releases by Settling Claimants.* As of the Closing Date, the Settling Claimants, and each of them, on behalf of themselves (and, where applicable, each and all members of the Classes they represent) forever waive, release, discharge and acquit the Sempra Parties, and each of them, as well as the Sempra Parties' officers, directors, shareholders, Subsidiaries, past Subsidiaries, Affiliates, past Affiliates, partners, members, agents, attorneys, assigns, beneficiaries, employees, heirs, insurers, predecessors, successors and other professional persons (the "Released Sempra Parties"), directly or indirectly, derivatively, on their own behalf, on behalf of any Class or on behalf of any other person or entity they represent, from any and all actions, causes of action, obligations, costs, damages, losses, Claims, Liabilities, restitution, and/or demands of whatsoever character, whether known or unknown, accrued or unaccrued, arising out of or relating in any way to:

- (a) natural gas, natural gas pipeline capacity and/or electric power or transmission, the price or supply of natural gas, natural gas pipeline capacity and/or electric power or transmission, and/or any act, omission, or transaction concerning or relating to natural gas, natural gas pipeline capacity and/or electric power or transmission, including, without limitation, the purchase, sale, contracting for, scheduling, allocation, transportation, bidding, trading, reporting, marketing, transmission, generation, production, and/or withholding of natural gas, natural gas pipeline capacity and/or electric power, based in whole or in part on any alleged act, omission, fact, matter, transaction or occurrence between September 1996 and the date of this Agreement;
- (b) all natural gas and electricity issues relating to the Nevada and/or California energy crisis;
- (c) the transactions and related events that lead to SE's formation and approval; and
- (d) any alleged Claim, act, omission, fact, matter, transaction or occurrence alleged in, or at issue in, the Class Action.

Any and all actions, causes of action, obligations, costs, damages, losses, Claims, Liabilities, restitution, and/or demands that are waived, released, discharged and acquitted by this Paragraph 5.1 are referred to herein as "Released Claims." Without limiting the generality of the forgoing, Released Claims shall further expressly include: (i) any violations or claimed violations of any rules, regulations, orders or protocols of any U.S. state or federal agency or Mexican agency having or claiming to have regulatory authority over any conduct that is the subject of any of the above Released Claims including, without limitation, the Natural Gas Act, the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978, and the Federal Power Act and/or any rules, regulations, tariffs, protocol or orders promulgated

thereunder; (ii) any Claims for refunds, contract reformation or any other relief, any federal or state antitrust Claims, any Claims under any unfair competition or consumer protection statutes or laws of the State of Nevada or any other state, and any other representative, taxpayer, and class Claims; (iii) any and all acts, omissions, facts, matters, transactions, occurrences, and oral or written statements and representations made or allegedly made in connection with, or directly or indirectly relating to, this Agreement or the settlement of the Action; and (iv) any and all Claims for attorneys' fees, costs or disbursements in connection with or related in any manner to the Action, settlement of the Action, the administration of such settlement and/or the Released Claims, except to the extent otherwise specified in this Agreement.

5.2 *Further Releases by Nevada AG.* As of the Closing Date, and in addition to the Nevada AG's agreements as a Settling Claimant in Paragraph 5.1, the Nevada AG, on behalf of itself, the State of Nevada and those parties it represents in *parens patriae*, and on behalf of any Class to be certified pursuant to the Agreement, will forever waive, release, discharge and acquit the Released Sempra Parties, and each of them, directly, indirectly and derivatively, from any and all Released Claims, whether known or unknown, accrued or unaccrued.

5.3 *Limitations on and Exclusions from Releases.* Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein:

(a) *Bodily Injury and Property Damage Claims of Class Members.* This Agreement does not release Claims that any Class member, other than a Settling Claimant on behalf of himself, herself or itself, may have against the Sempra Parties or Released Sempra Parties for bodily injuries or physical damage to real or personal property.

(b) *Contract-Based Claims of Private Parties or Class Members.* This Agreement does not release Claims that any Class Plaintiff or Class member, or their respective predecessors, successors, assigns, Affiliates or Subsidiaries, may have against any Sempra Party or Released Sempra Party based solely on the performance or non-performance of the Parties under a contract between the Parties. However, no such contract performance-based Claim between such Parties shall rely upon or be based upon a claim or defense that any of conduct or matters either (i) wrongfully or improperly influenced or otherwise affected the rate, price or service under the applicable contract and/or (ii) extinguished, diminished or otherwise modified the obligations of the Parties under the applicable contract. To the extent any such contract-based Claims would otherwise rely upon any conduct or matters contemplated in Paragraph 5.3(b)(i) and (ii), Settling Claimants hereby waive, release and extinguish such Claims by this Agreement.

(c) *No Release Between Settling Claimants.* Nothing in this Agreement shall constitute or be construed as a release of any Claim or Liability as between any Settling Claimant and any other Settling Claimant.

(d) *On-Going and Future Proceedings Against Third-Parties.* Nothing in this Agreement shall restrict the ability of any Settling Claimants, Class Plaintiffs or Class members or their respective predecessors, successors, assigns, Affiliates or Subsidiaries to continue to participate in any existing proceeding, or to bring or participate in any future proceeding, that does not include Released Claims against any Sempra Parties or Released Sempra Parties.

5.4 *Additional Release Related Provisions.*

(a) *Retraxit.* None of this Agreement, the releases provided herein, any judgment entered thereon, and any dismissal with prejudice entered pursuant to this Agreement shall constitute or be construed as a retraxit.

(b) *Specific Limit of Waivers.* Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, nothing in this Agreement shall constitute a limitation on, or waiver of, any right to enforce any obligation of pursue any remedy specifically provided for in this Agreement.

(c) *No Third Party Beneficiaries of Releases.* No parties other than the Sempra Parties and the Released Sempra Parties shall be entitled to the benefits of, or entitled to enforce, the releases provided for in this Agreement.

(d) *Confirmation of Nevada AG Authority.* The Nevada AG enters into the releases provided for in this Agreement as chief law enforcement officer of the State of Nevada and on behalf of the Nevada Class to the full extent of its *parens patriae* authority.

(e) *Fairness of Settlement and Releases.* The Parties agree that this Agreement and the releases and waivers in this Agreement are fair and reasonable and adequate to provide complete satisfaction of the interests of the Settling Claimants and the Classes they represent, including full and adequate restitution of any allegedly unjust gains or allegedly improper overcharges obtained by the Released Sempra Parties, or any of them, for the Released Claims.

(f) *Section 1542 Waiver.* Except for unknown Claims expressly preserved in Paragraph 5.3, each Settling Claimant expressly waives the benefits of any statutory provision or common law rule that provides, in sum or substance, that a release does not extend to Claims which the Settling Claimant does not know or suspect to exist in its favor at the time of executing the release, which if known by it, would have materially affected its settlement with the other party. In particular, but without limitation, the Settling Claimants, and each of them, expressly understand the provisions of California Civil Code Section 1542, which provides:

A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his favor at the time of executing the release, which if known by him must have materially affected his settlement with the debtor.

Each Settling Claimant hereby agrees that (i) the provisions of California Civil Code Section 1542 are hereby knowingly and voluntarily waived and relinquished, and (ii) the provisions of all similar federal or state laws, rights, rules, or legal principles of any other jurisdiction, to the extent that they are found to be applicable herein, also are hereby knowingly and voluntarily waived and relinquished. Notwithstanding the foregoing waiver of California Civil Code Section 1542, each Settling Claimant acknowledges that the releases set forth in this Agreement are specific to the matters set forth in the releases and are not intended to create general releases as to all claims, or potential claims, between the releasing and released Parties.

(g) *Other Unknown Claims.* In connection with the releases contained herein,

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each Settling Claimant acknowledges that it is aware that it may hereafter discover Claims presently unknown or unsuspected, or facts in addition to or different from those which it now knows or believes to be true with respect to the matters released herein. Nevertheless, it is the intention of each Settling Claimant in executing this Agreement to fully, finally and forever settle and release all such matters, (except those listed in Paragraph 5.3) and all Claims relating thereto, which exist, hereafter may exist, or might have existed (whether or not previously or currently asserted), in accordance with the releases contained herein.

(h) *Essential Terms.* All Parties hereby expressly agree and acknowledge that each of the releases contained herein constitutes an essential term of this Agreement and that the Agreement shall be null and void if any release shall not be approved or shall be deemed ineffective.

(i) *Attorneys' Fees and Costs.* The Parties stipulate and agree that the Consideration being provided by the Sempra Parties pursuant to this Agreement is inclusive of, and constitutes full payment of, any claim for attorneys' fees and costs, specifically including the cost of any class notice and all claims administration expenses in any class action impacted by this Agreement, and the Settling Claimants hereby waive and release any and all further Claims for attorneys' fees or costs, statutory or otherwise, related in any way to disputes pre-dating this Agreement or related to the Parties' entry into, and any required court approvals of, this Agreement.

(j) *Negotiation of Releases.* Each of the Parties acknowledges and agrees that the various releases in this Agreement were individually negotiated with the various releasing parties under such releases and that such releases should be interpreted individually in the context of this Agreement without regard to other releases herein.

(k) *Breaches of Agreement.* The Parties expressly understand that both direct and indirect breaches of the provisions of this Agreement are proscribed. Therefore, the Settling Claimants covenant that each will not institute or prosecute, directly or indirectly, any action or other proceeding based in whole or in part upon their respective Claims released by this Agreement, except as expressly permitted in Paragraph 5.3 of this Agreement.

6. DISMISSALS, TERMINATIONS, AND RELATED ACTIONS.

6.1 *Class Action.* Class Plaintiffs and Class Counsel shall seek and obtain from the Class Action Court, as a condition precedent to Closing, a final and non-appealable Order and Judgment which shall, among other things, (a) approve this Agreement as fair, reasonable, and adequate and find that it satisfies any other conditions required by applicable law, and (b) dismiss the Class Action as to the Sempra Parties with prejudice, as set forth above in Paragraph 3.2, effective as of the Closing Date. The contents of each such filing shall be consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

6.2 *Tolling.* The Parties agree that the time between the date hereof and the date on which the Closing occurs, or the date on which this Agreement is terminated as provided in Paragraph 10 hereof, shall not be counted or utilized by a Party hereto in determining the date of the running of any statute of limitations or mandatory dismissal statute, or the applicability or viability of any laches defense, estoppel defense, waiver defense, and/or bar date, and/or any other similar legal or equitable defense, denial or objection, regarding the Released Claims or the Action.

6.3 *Stay of Action Generally.* The Parties agree to seek an immediate stay of the Action as to the Sempra Parties and Released Sempra Parties pending the Closing, at which time the Action will be dismissed, except as may be necessary to consummate this Agreement; *provided, however,* that the foregoing stipulation shall not preclude Settling Claimants from making filings required by this Agreement or any Party hereto from seeking relief from Persons other than the Released Sempra Parties, to the extent permitted by law, or from continuing its participation in such proceedings or any other proceedings pending the Closing. In the event this Agreement is terminated pursuant to Paragraph 10 or the Closing fails to occur for any reason, all Parties will be put back into a position substantially the same as the one they were in immediately before the execution of this Agreement.

6.4 *Essential Terms.* All Parties hereby expressly agree and acknowledge that dismissal of the Action to the extent set forth in this Agreement constitutes an essential term of this Agreement and that, if the Action is not dismissed in accordance with this Agreement, the Agreement shall be null and void and of no further effect, with all rights, duties and obligations of the Parties thereafter restored as if this Agreement had never been executed.

7. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES.

7.1 *All Parties.* Each of the Settling Claimants represents and warrants to the Sempra Parties, as to itself and to members of the class it represents, and each Sempra Party represents and warrants to the Settling Claimants, in each case as of the date hereof, and as of the Closing Date, as follows:

(a) the recitals with respect to it set forth in Paragraph 2 of this Agreement are true and accurate in all respects;

(b) it has the full power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and the other documents and agreements provided for herein to be executed and delivered by it in accordance with applicable law (the "Ancillary Documents"), on behalf of itself, its company, Class members, citizenry, and/or government, and to perform all transactions, duties and obligations set forth herein and therein;

(c) it has taken all necessary actions duly and validly to authorize the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the Ancillary Documents and the performance of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby;

(d) it has authorized and directed its respective attorneys to have such papers executed and to take such other action as is necessary and appropriate to effectuate the terms of this Agreement;

(e) it has duly and validly executed and delivered this Agreement and, on the Closing Date, will have duly and validly executed and delivered the Ancillary Documents to be executed and delivered by it;

(f) this Agreement constitutes its legal, valid and binding obligation, enforceable against it in accordance with this Agreement's terms and the respective terms of the Ancillary Documents to be executed and delivered by it, except as enforcement may be limited by applicable bankruptcy laws, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and other laws affecting creditors' rights generally and except insofar as the availability of equitable remedies may be limited by applicable law;

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(g) it has not sold, assigned, transferred, or encumbered, or otherwise disposed of, in whole or in part, voluntarily or involuntarily, by operation of law or otherwise, any Claim of any nature whatsoever released or settled pursuant to this Agreement;

(h) no promise, inducement or agreement not expressed herein has been made in connection with this Agreement;

(i) to the extent that it deemed it necessary and desirable, it independently received appropriate, adequate, and competent technical, economic and legal and other advice with respect to this Agreement and the Ancillary Documents, and has not relied upon any technical, economic, legal or other advice provided to it by any other Party with respect hereto;

(j) it is represented by competent counsel with respect to this Agreement, the Ancillary Documents and all matters covered herein or therein;

(k) it has been fully advised by said counsel with respect to its rights and obligations and with respect to the execution of this Agreement and the Ancillary Documents; and

(l) the execution and delivery of this Agreement by it, and the performance of its obligations hereunder, will not (i) violate any material law, statute, rule or regulation applicable to it, (ii) violate any order of any governmental authority applicable to it, or (iii) result in a default under any provision of any indenture, credit agreement, or other agreement relating to repayment of borrowed money or any guarantee of the foregoing.

7.2 *Nevada AG.* The Nevada AG, for himself, represents and warrants, to each other Party that as of the date hereof, he is not aware of any pending or existing actions, lawsuits, Claims, or formal or informal investigations or inquiries by or on behalf of him against any of the Sempra Parties or Released Sempra Parties related to Released Claims, other than those he is releasing in this Agreement.

7.3 *Sempra Parties.* Each of the Sempra Parties represents and warrants as of the date hereof, and as of the Closing Date, as follows:

(a) *Reasonably Equivalent Value.* The Sempra Parties have determined that the fair market value of all Consideration the Sempra Parties are providing to the Settling Claimants and the Settlement Fund is reasonably equivalent to the fair market value of all Consideration, including releases, received by the Sempra Parties pursuant to this Agreement from the Settling Claimants.

(b) *Solvency.* Before and after giving effect to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, (i) its financial condition is and will be such that the fair value of its assets exceeds the sum of its debts, (ii) it has not incurred and will not have incurred, and does not intend to incur, debts beyond its ability to pay as they become due, and (iii) it has and will have sufficient capital to conduct its business affairs.

7.4 *Class Representatives.* Each Settling Claimant represents and warrants as of the date hereof, and as of the Closing Date, as follows:

(a) *Reasonably Equivalent Value.* He, she or it has reviewed this Agreement with Class Counsel, or other counsel and consultants and experts as he, she or it deems appropriate, and that he, she or it has determined the fair market value of all Consideration being provided to the Sempra Parties and Released Sempra Parties by such Settling Claimant or the Class he, she or it represents, including releases, is reasonably equivalent to the fair market value of all Consideration received therefor, for his, her or its own benefit and on behalf of the Class he, she or it represents, pursuant to this Agreement from the Sempra Parties.

(b) *Solvency.* Before and after giving effect to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, (i) his, her or its financial condition is and will be such that the fair value of his, her or its assets exceeds the sum of his, her or its debts, (ii) he, she or it has not incurred and will not have incurred, and does not intend to incur, debts beyond his, her or its ability to pay as they become due, and (iii) he, she or it has and will have sufficient capital to conduct his her or its business affairs.

7.5 *Survival of Representations and Warranties.* The representations and warranties of the Parties set forth in Paragraphs 7.1 through 7.4 of this Agreement shall survive the Closing Date indefinitely.

8. COVENANTS AND OTHER AGREEMENTS.

8.1 *Allocation and Distribution of Consideration.* The Parties agree that the Class Plaintiffs will apportion the respective Consideration for their Class among their Class members, subject to Court approval, in accordance with the terms of an Allocation Agreement to be separately negotiated among and between themselves. The Sempra Parties shall have no responsibility for, and no liability whatsoever with respect to, the allocation, and the Sempra Parties take no position with respect to such matters. Nothing contained within Paragraph 8.1 or the Allocation Agreement shall constitute a condition precedent to the effectiveness of this Agreement.

8.2 *Clawback.* If, under any applicable state or federal law, all or any part of any Consideration paid or delivered to any of the Settling Claimants by a Sempra Party is subsequently invalidated or set aside, then, to the extent Settling Claimants are required to return or refund any Consideration, the Settling Claimants' Claims against the Sempra Parties shall be reinstated only to the extent of, and not to exceed, the value of the avoided Consideration, but shall remain subject to the applicable state or federal law.

8.3 *Legal Fees.* Class Counsel may submit one or more applications to the Class Action Court for an award of attorneys' fees and litigation expenses, including the fees of experts and consultants and the cost of any notice and all claims administration expenses ("Costs") in any Class Action impacted by this Agreement, which shall be paid solely out of the Consideration contemplated by Paragraph 4.1(a) of this Agreement. Any such attorneys' fees and Costs so awarded shall, subject to Court approval, be paid to the applicant(s) from the Settlement Fund within five (5) Business Days after the Closing, or such later date as might be approved by the Court. Notwithstanding the foregoing, after entry of any order(s) awarding attorneys' fees and Costs by the Class Action Court and final approval of this Agreement by the Class Action Court, Class Counsel may be paid from the Settlement Fund in a manner directed by the Court, in the aggregate up to 50% of the attorneys' fees and 100% of the Costs so awarded on the thirty-first (31st) Business Day following the final approval of this Agreement by the Class Action Court and the remaining 50% of the attorneys' fees so awarded may be paid from the Settlement Fund on the first anniversary of the date of the first

payment; *provided, however*, that each law firm and/or attorney receiving any such payment shall provide the Sempra Parties with a Letter of Credit, issued on terms acceptable to Sempra Parties, equal to 110% of the amount of the payment. In the event that a terminating event occurs pursuant to Paragraph 10.1, or the judgment approving the class settlement or the order making the attorneys' fee and/or Cost award is reversed or modified on appeal or fails to become final for any reason, and, in the event that Class Counsel have been paid or reimbursed to any extent, then, within five (5) Business Days from the date Class Counsel are given notice that such terminating event has occurred, or within five (5) Business Days following such reversal or modification, they shall restore to the Settlement Fund the attorneys' fees and Costs previously paid to them in full, or in any amount consistent with such reversal or modification, plus interest thereon (at the same rate then earned on 90-day United States Treasury Bills) through the date of such restoration. If such restoration is not made in full within such five (5) Business Day period, SE, on behalf of the Sempra Parties, shall thereupon be fully authorized to immediately negotiate one or more drafts upon the Letter of Credit for a sum equal to the amount not so restored.

8.4 *Settlement Fund.*

(a) *Qualified Settlement Fund.* The Parties intend that the Settlement Fund shall be established pursuant to a court order, and agree to treat the Settlement Fund as being, at all times a single "qualified settlement fund" within the meaning of Treas. Reg. § 1.468B-1. Further, the Parties, as appropriate, shall jointly and timely make the "relation-back election" (as provided for in Treas. Reg. § 1.468B-1(j)(2)) back to the earliest permitted date. Such election shall be made in compliance with the procedures and requirements contained in the applicable Treasury Regulations.

(b) *Duties of Administrator.* For the purposes of Section 468B of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and Treas. Reg. § 1.468B-2(k)(3), the "administrator" shall be a party appointed by the Settling Claimants (the "Administrator"). The Administrator shall timely and properly file or cause to be filed all informational and other tax returns necessary or advisable with respect to the Settlement Fund (including, without limitation, the returns described in Treas. Reg. § 1.468B-2(k)(1) and Treas. Reg. § 1.468B-2(1)). Such returns shall reflect that all taxes (including any estimated taxes, interest or penalties) on the income earned by the Settlement Fund shall be paid out of the Settlement Fund.

(c) *Payment of Taxes and Other Expenses.* All (i) taxes (including any estimated taxes, interest or penalties) arising with respect to the income earned by the Settlement Fund ("Taxes"), and (ii) expenses and costs incurred in connection with the operation and implementation of the Settlement Fund (including, without limitation, expenses of tax attorneys and/or accountants and mailing and distribution costs and expenses relating to filing (or failing to file) tax returns ("Tax Expenses")), shall be paid out of the Settlement Fund. Further, Taxes and Tax Expenses shall be timely paid by the Administrator out of the Settlement Fund without prior order from the Class Action Court, and the Administrator shall be obligated (notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary) to withhold from distribution any funds necessary to pay such amounts (as well as any amounts that may be required to be withheld under Treas. Reg. § 1.468B-2(1)(2)). All Parties to this Agreement agree to cooperate with the Administrator, each other, and the Settlement Fund's tax attorneys and accountants to the extent reasonably necessary to carry out the provisions of this Paragraph. The Parties acknowledge that the Sempra Parties shall have no liability for payment of Taxes or Tax Expenses to the Settlement Fund.

8.5 *No Assignment of Released Claims.* Each Settling Claimant hereby covenants and agrees that it has not assigned and will not assign or transfer, or purport to assign or transfer, to any person or entity, including, without limitation, any of its Affiliates or Subsidiaries, any Claim it is releasing pursuant to this Agreement.

8.6 *Frazees to Represent California Class.* Each of the Sempra Parties and Jennifer and John Frazee acknowledge and agree that Jennifer and John Frazee may apply to the California Superior Court for the County of San Diego to serve as representatives of the settlement Class (as defined in the California Settlement Agreement). Jennifer and John Frazee acknowledge and agree that (a) they have fully reviewed the California Settlement Agreement and (b) the California Settlement Agreement and the releases and waivers in the California Settlement Agreement are fair and reasonable and adequate to provide complete satisfaction of the interests of the Settling Claimants in the California settlement and the Classes they represent, including full and adequate restitution of any allegedly unjust gains or allegedly improper overcharges obtained by the Released Sempra Parties, or any of them, for the Released Claims.

9. **EVENTS OF DEFAULT AND REMEDIES.**

9.1 *Events of Default.* Upon the occurrence and continuance of any one of the following events (each an "Event of Default"), the Designated Representative may, at its option, upon prior notice to the Sempra Parties and a reasonable opportunity to cure, accelerate the Deferred Payments, making the entire amount thereof (discounted for present value at a discount rate of seven (7) percent) immediately due and payable:

(a) the failure by the Sempra Parties to pay any installment of the Deferred Payments within forty-five (45) Business Days after the date on which such amount is due and notice of such failure and reasonable opportunity to cure has been provided; and

(b) if any Deferred Payments remain outstanding, the dissolution, winding-up, assignment of substantially all assets, or liquidation of SE;

provided, however, that the events set forth in clauses (a) or (b) above shall not constitute an Event of Default if, in connection with any such event, an Investment Grade Person assumes, and agrees in writing to be bound by the terms of, this Agreement with respect to the Deferred Payments.

9.2 ***DISPUTES TO BE DECIDED BY REFEREE.*** EACH SEMPRA PARTY AND EACH OF THE SETTLING CLAIMANTS, AND THEIR ASSIGNEES OR SUCCESSORS, EXPRESSLY AND VOLUNTARILY AGREE THAT IN THE EVENT OF DISPUTE ARISING OUT OF THIS PARAGRAPH 9, OR ANY DOCUMENTS RELATING TO PAYMENT AND PERFORMANCE OF THE CONSIDERATION IN THIS AGREEMENT, THE TRIAL COURT CONTEMPLATED BY PARAGRAPH 12.14, SHALL REFER THE CASE FOR RESOLUTION BY A NEUTRAL REFEREE WITHOUT TIES TO ANY PARTY, WHO SHALL HEAR AND DETERMINE ALL OF THE ISSUES OF FACT AND LAW IN THE ACTION, SITTING WITHOUT A JURY, AND WHOSE JUDGMENT SHALL BE TREATED AS THE DECISION OF THE TRIAL COURT, WITH THE PARTIES PRESERVING FULL APPELLATE RIGHTS. EACH PARTY, THEIR ASSIGNEE OR SUCCESSOR, AGREES THAT IT SHALL NOT SEEK TO CONSOLIDATE ANY SUCH ACTION WITH ANY OTHER ACTION WHERE A JURY TRIAL CANNOT BE OR HAS NOT BEEN WAIVED AND/OR WHERE THE OTHER ACTION CANNOT BE ADJUDICATED BY THE REFEREE. THESE PROVISIONS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO NO EXCEPTIONS.

NOTHING IN THIS PARAGRAPH 9.2 SHALL DIVEST THE CLASS ACTION COURT FROM THEIR CONTINUING JURISDICTION OVER THE ACTION OR THIS AGREEMENT.

9.3 *Cost of Collection and Enforcement.* If after a Referee contemplated by Paragraph 9.2 has issued a final judgment finding that an Event of Default has occurred, after all appeals and/or the time for all appeals of such judgment has expired, the Sempra Parties agree to pay to the Designated Representative, within thirty (30) days after written demand is sent to the Sempra Parties by the Designated Representative, all reasonable costs of collection and attempted collection of the Consideration as ordered by the Referee and as included in any final judgment. Such reasonable expenses can include: (a) those reasonable expenses incurred or paid to protect, preserve, collect, take possession of, or otherwise secure Consideration, (b) reasonable expenses of dealing with any person or entity in any bankruptcy proceeding, (c) reasonable expenses incurred by the Settlement Fund for its reasonable attorneys' and paralegal fees, disbursements, and costs, all at such rates and with respect to such reasonable services as the Settlement Fund may elect to pay (as such rates may vary from time to time during the course of the performance of such services), and (d) the reasonable costs of appraisers, investment bankers, and other experts that may be retained by the Settlement Fund in connection with such collection efforts.

10. TERMINATION.

10.1 *Termination Events.* This Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby may be terminated as follows:

(a) *All Parties (Mutual Written Consent).* This Agreement may be terminated at any time by the mutual written consent of the Settling Claimants and the Sempra Parties, with approval of the Class Action Court.

(b) *Sempra Parties.* The Sempra Parties, in their sole discretion, may terminate this Agreement (i)(A) pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph 3.4 herein; or (B) if the Class Action Court does not make a determination that this Agreement was entered into in good faith as provided in Paragraph 3.2(e), or such determination is reversed by any appellate court; or (ii) if there has been a material misrepresentation, a material breach of warranty, or a material failure to comply with any covenant or agreement on the part of any of the Settling Claimants with respect to their representations, warranties, covenants or agreements set forth herein, and such misrepresentation, breach, or failure to comply has not been cured in all material respects within ten (10) Business Days of receipt by the Designated Representative from the Sempra Parties of written notice thereof; or (iii) if any Claims against the Sempra Parties are reinstated under Paragraph 8.2 of this Agreement; or (iv) if the Class Action Court (as defined in the California Settlement Agreement) does not approve the California Settlement Agreement or such approval is fully and finally reversed on appeal. Notwithstanding the foregoing, reversal accompanied by remand for additional findings or otherwise for further consideration by the trial court shall not be a basis for termination, unless and until the reversal takes effect as a final disposition.

(c) *Settling Claimants.* The Settling Claimants or their designee(s) may terminate this Agreement prior to the Closing Date if there has been a material misrepresentation, a material breach of warranty, or a material failure to comply with any covenant or agreement on the part of any of the Sempra Parties with respect to their representations, warranties or covenants set forth herein, and such misrepresentation, breach, or failure to comply has not

been cured in all material respects within ten (10) Business Days of receipt by the Sempra Parties from the Designated Representative of written notice thereof.

(d) *Method of Termination.* The terminating party must exercise the option to withdraw from and terminate this Agreement, as provided in this Paragraph, by providing written notice to the other Parties no later than thirty (30) days after receiving notice of the event prompting the termination.

10.2 *Effect of Termination.*

(a) If the Agreement is terminated pursuant to Paragraphs 3.4 or 10.1 then:

(i) this Agreement shall be null and void and shall have no force or effect, and no party to this Agreement shall be bound by any of its terms, except for the terms of this Paragraph 10;

(ii) this Agreement, all of its provisions, and all negotiations, statements, and proceedings relating to it shall be without prejudice to the rights of any Party, all of whom shall be restored to their respective positions existing before the execution of this Agreement;

(iii) the Sempra Parties and their current and former directors, officers, employees, agents, attorneys and representatives expressly and affirmatively reserve all defenses, arguments and motions as to all claims that have been or might later be asserted in the Action, including (without limitation) any applicable statutes of limitation and the argument that the Action may not be litigated as a class action, that the Class should not be certified and preemption;

(v) Class Plaintiffs and the other Parties and their current and former predecessors, successors, heirs, agents and assigns expressly and affirmatively reserve all arguments in support of, all claims that have been or might later be asserted in the Action;

(vi) neither this Agreement, nor the fact of its having been made, shall be admissible or entered into evidence for any purpose whatsoever; and

(vii) any order or judgment entered in the Action after the date of execution of this Agreement will be deemed vacated, will not be admissible in any Action, and will be without any force or effect.

(b) If this Agreement is terminated pursuant to Paragraph 10.1(b)(ii), then the Sempra Parties shall have all rights available to them at law or in equity, including, without limitation, the right to specific performance in addition to the rights available under Paragraph 10.2(a).

(c) If this Agreement is terminated pursuant to Paragraph 10.1(c), then the Settling Claimants or their designees shall have all rights available to them at law or in equity, including, without limitation, the right to specific performance.

(d) In addition to the provisions of clauses (a), (b) and (c) above, if this Agreement is terminated pursuant to any provision of this Agreement for any reason, then all amounts

paid by the Sempra Parties into the Settlement Fund, including accrued interest, shall be returned to the Sempra Parties within ten (10) Business Days after such termination.

11. NOTICE.

11.1 *Form of Notice and Addresses.* All notices required or permitted under this Agreement shall be in writing to the other Party and shall be delivered in person, by facsimile, by overnight mail, or by registered or certified mail, to the Parties at the following addresses and facsimile numbers:

If to the Sempra Parties:

General Counsel
Sempra Energy
101 Ash Street
San Diego, California 92101

If to a Settling Claimant or the Designated Representative:

Nevada Attorney General
1000 East William Street, Suite 200
Carson City, Nevada, 89701

11.2 *Date of Delivery.* Any notice required or permitted under this Agreement shall: (a) if delivered in person, be deemed to have been given or made at the time of delivery; (b) if sent via certified or registered mail, be deemed to have been given or made on the date of receipt; and (c) if sent by facsimile or other similar form of communication, be deemed to have been given or made on the first Business Day following the day on which it was sent.

11.3 *Address Changes.* The Sempra Parties and the Designated Representative may each give written notice of a change of address in the same manner described in Paragraph 11.1, in which event all subsequent written communications shall be given to that Party at the changed address or addresses.

12. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

12.1 *Admissions.* The Sempra Parties, and each of them, expressly and vigorously deny any wrongdoing alleged in the Action and do not admit or concede any actual or potential fault, wrongdoing or liability in connection with any facts or claims that have been or could have been alleged against them in the Action. To the contrary, this Agreement is reached to end the expense and uncertainty of on-going litigation, notwithstanding the Sempra Parties' view that the Action is without merit. The Parties agree that the terms of this Agreement reflect a good-faith settlement of all Parties hereto, reached voluntarily after consultation with experienced legal counsel. Neither this Agreement nor the settlement contained herein, nor any act performed or document executed pursuant to or in furtherance of this Agreement or the settlement: (a) is or may be deemed to be or may be used as an admission of, or evidence of, the validity of the Action, any Released Claim, or of any wrongdoing or liability of any of the Sempra Parties or Released Sempra Parties; (b) is or may be deemed to be or may be used as an admission of, or evidence of, any fault or omission of any of the Sempra Parties or Released Sempra Parties in any civil, criminal or administrative proceeding in any

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court, administrative agency or other tribunal; or (c) shall be offered in evidence or alleged in any pleading, directly or indirectly, by any Party. In no event shall the Agreement, any of its provisions or any negotiations, statements or court proceedings relating to them or the settlement contained herein in any way be construed as, offered as, received as, used as or deemed to be evidence of any kind in any action, or in any judicial, administrative, regulatory or other proceeding, except in a proceeding to enforce this Agreement. Without limiting the foregoing, this Agreement, the settlement contained herein, any related negotiations, statements and documents delivered hereunder, and any court and regulatory proceedings shall not be construed as, offered as, received as, used as or deemed to be evidence of or an admission or concession of any liability or wrongdoing whatsoever on the part of any Sempra Party, or as a waiver by any Sempra Party of any applicable argument or defense. The Parties to this Agreement, and any other party entitled to enforce this Agreement, may use and file this Agreement and/or orders and judgments related hereto from the Action in any other action that has been or may be brought against them in order to support a defense or counterclaim based on principles of *res judicata*, collateral estoppel, release, good-faith settlement, judgment bar or reduction or any theory of claim preclusion or issue preclusion or similar defense or counterclaim. The Parties and their counsel agree that this Agreement is without prejudice to class certification issues or any other issues concerning the defendants in the Action who are not a Released Sempra Party.

12.2 *Amendments.* No amendment of any provision of this Agreement shall be effective unless the same shall be in writing and signed by all of the Parties hereto. No waiver of any provision of this Agreement nor consent to any departure therefrom by any Party shall be effective unless the same shall be in writing and signed by the Sempra Parties, with respect to any waiver or consent requested by the Designated Representative, and by the Designated Representative with respect to any waiver or consent requested by a Sempra Party. In either case, such waiver or consent shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the specific purpose for which given; *provided, however*, that without the approval of the Class Action Court no amendment, waiver or consent shall do any of the following: (i) subject the Class Settling Claimants to any additional obligations; (ii) reduce any amount payable to Classes from the Settlement Fund by more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00); (iii) postpone for more than ninety (90) days any date fixed for any payment in respect of any amount payable to the Settlement Fund for the benefit of any Class; or (iv) change any definition or provision of this Agreement affecting the Classes.

12.3 *Attachment.* Attachment A to this Agreement is hereby made a part of this Agreement. Any conflict between the terms contained in the main body of this Agreement and the Attachment hereto shall be controlled by the terms contained in the main body of this Agreement.

12.4 *Confidentiality.* Subject to any SEC and stock exchange disclosure requirements, each of the Parties, and their respective representatives, agree that they shall keep and maintain this settlement and Agreement, the individual provisions hereof, the existence of this Agreement and settlement and the matters contemplated herein (collectively, "Confidential Settlement Information") in strict confidence, and shall not transmit, reveal, disclose or otherwise communicate any such information prior to the filing on the application for preliminary approval of this Agreement to any third party without the prior written consent of the other Parties; *provided* that any information that would otherwise constitute Confidential Settlement Information that is required to be publicly disclosed by a Party pursuant to its SEC and stock exchange disclosure requirements shall not be deemed to be Confidential Settlement Information for purposes of this Agreement once disclosed pursuant to those obligations. Consistent with the above provisions, the Parties, and their respective counsel, agree to cooperate in good faith with respect to the timing and content of any initial press

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releases or public announcements of this settlement and Agreement. The Sempra Parties and Settling Claimants agree that their initial press release or public announcement concerning the settlement and Agreement will be released at the same time, and that such time shall not be during market hours of the New York Stock Exchange. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Parties and their counsel, and each of them, agree, to the extent permitted by law, that all agreements made and orders entered during the course of the Action relating to the confidentiality of information, including any protective orders issued by the Class Action Court, shall survive this Agreement. The Parties agree that these confidentiality and disclosure provisions are a material part of the Agreement and that any breach of these confidentiality provisions will constitute a material breach of this Agreement. The Parties further agree to cause their respective agents, employees, Affiliates, officers, directors, attorneys, partners, auditors and other representatives to comply with these restrictions.

12.5 *Construction of Agreement.* The language of this Agreement shall be construed as a whole, according to its fair meaning and intent, and not strictly for or against any Party, regardless of who drafted or was principally responsible for drafting the Agreement or any specific terms or conditions hereof. This Agreement shall be deemed to have been drafted by all Parties, and no Party shall urge otherwise.

12.6 *Cooperation.* The Parties (a) acknowledge that it is their intent to consummate and, where necessary, obtain judicial approval for this Agreement; and (b) agree to cooperate, from the date of the execution hereof until the Closing Date, to the extent necessary to effectuate and implement all terms and conditions of this Agreement and to exercise their best efforts to accomplish the terms and conditions of this Agreement. This cooperation shall include, without limitation, each Party, at its own expense, taking all necessary action to satisfy as to itself the conditions precedent in Paragraph 3 pertaining to it, and, to the extent reasonably required, cooperating with each other Party to secure the consents and satisfy the conditions precedent enumerated in Paragraph 3 hereof; working together cooperatively to obtain all judicial, administrative, and regulatory approvals necessary to ensure the enforceability of the stipulations provided for in this Agreement; the execution of such instruments of conveyance, assignment, transfer and delivery, release and waiver as may be required to implement and consummate the terms of this Agreement; the provision of submissions, stipulations and other filings with courts and regulatory agencies; and the provision of such additional documents or taking of such other action as any Party may reasonably request to effectuate the terms of this Agreement.

12.7 *Costs.* Except as otherwise provided herein, each Party shall bear its own costs in connection with the negotiation, execution, administration, and enforcement of this Agreement.

12.8 *Counterparts.* This Agreement may be executed in multiple original and/or facsimile counterparts, each of which, when taken together, shall constitute a duplicate original, and each such duplicate original is equally admissible in evidence and shall be deemed to be one and the same instrument. With the exception of the confidentiality provisions of Paragraph 12.4, this Agreement shall not take effect until each Party has signed a counterpart.

12.9 *Enforcement of Agreement.* This Agreement may be pleaded as a full and complete defense to any action filed in which a Released Claim is asserted. The Parties, their respective counsel or any other member of the Class may file this Agreement in any proceeding brought to enforce any of its terms or provisions. The Parties further agree that their respective duties and obligations hereunder may be specifically enforced through an action seeking equitable relief or a petition for writ of mandamus by the Party or Parties for whose benefit such duty or obligation is to

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be performed, but no breach of any duty or obligation by any Party hereunder shall entitle any other Party to rescind or terminate this Agreement, except as provided expressly herein. In any such action, and in any action to enforce the provisions of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall recover its reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

12.10 *Governing Law.* This Agreement and any Ancillary Documents shall be governed by and interpreted according to the laws of the state of California (except with respect to the releases by the Nevada AG, as to which the laws of the state of Nevada shall apply).

12.11 *Headings.* The headings in this Agreement are for convenience only. They in no way limit, alter or affect the meaning of this Agreement.

12.12 *Integration.* This Agreement, together with its Attachment, all other documents, instruments, and agreements delivered in connection herewith or therewith constitute the entire agreement among the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and no representations, warranties or inducements have been made to any Party concerning this Agreement other than the representations, warranties and covenants contained and memorialized in such documents.

12.13 *Mistakes of Fact or Law.* In entering and making this Agreement, the Parties assume the risk of any mistake of fact or law. If the Parties, or any of them, should later discover that any fact they relied upon in entering this Agreement is not true, or that their understanding of the facts or law was incorrect, then the Parties shall not be entitled to seek rescission of this Agreement by reason thereof. This Agreement is intended to be final and binding upon the Parties regardless of any mistake of fact or law.

12.14 *Retention of Jurisdiction.* The Class Action Court shall retain jurisdiction over the settlement embodied by this Agreement to enforce the provisions of this Agreement with respect to Settling Claimants in the Class Action.

12.15 *Successors and Assigns.* This Agreement shall be binding upon and for the benefit of any of the Parties and their successors and assigns. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed or interpreted to impart any rights or obligations to any third party (other than a permitted successor or assignee bound to this Agreement), except as specifically provided herein.

12.16 *Time of the Essence.* Time shall be of the essence for purposes of construing and enforcing this Agreement.

12.17 *No Waivers.* The failure of any Party hereto to enforce any condition or provision in this Agreement at any time shall not be construed as a waiver of that condition or provision unless such waiver is in writing and signed by the waiving Party, nor shall it forfeit any rights to future enforcement thereof.

12.18 *Validity.* If any provision of this Agreement is deemed or held to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable, this Agreement shall be considered divisible and inoperative as to such provision to the extent it is deemed to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable, and in all other respects this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

ACCEPTED AND AGREED:

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Dated: Jan. 4, 2006

GIBSON, DUNN & CRUTCHER LLP

By: _____

Robert E. Cooper

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Attorneys for SEMPRA ENERGY, SAN DIEGO GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY, and the SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS CO.

Dated: _____

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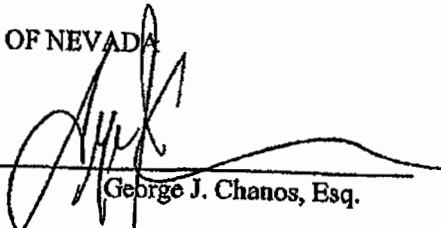
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SALES, L.L.C.

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Dated: 1/9/06

STATE OF NEVADA

By: 
George J. Chanos, Esq.

Attorney for ROBERT I. MOORE and COLETTE L. MOORE and as *PARENS PATRIAE*

Dated: _____

BOIES, SCHILLER & FLEXNER LLP

By: _____
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Attorneys for JENNIFER FRAZEE, JOHN FRAZEE,
FRAZEE ELECTRIC

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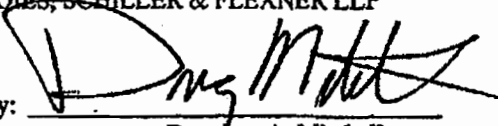
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FRAZEE ELECTRIC

ATTACHMENT A

Form of Letter of Credit

DATE: _____, 2006

IRREVOCABLE STANDBY LETTER OF CREDIT NUMBER: _____

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| BENEFICIARY: SEMPRA ENERGY, a California corporation _____ _____ _____, CALIFORNIA ATTENTION: | APPLICANT _____ _____ _____ |
| | AMOUNT USD _____ _____ MILLION _____ HUNDRED THOUSAND AND NO/100 U.S. DOLLARS |
| | INITIAL EXPIRY DATE: |

THIS LETTER OF CREDIT IS AVAILABLE WITH _____, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, AGAINST PRESENTATION OF THE DOCUMENTS DETAILED HEREIN AND OF YOUR DRAFT(S) AT SIGHT DRAWN ON _____, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA BEARING THE CLAUSE "DRAWN UNDER BANK OF _____ LETTER OF CREDIT NUMBER _____."

AT THE REQUEST AND FOR THE ACCOUNT OF _____, C/O BANK OF _____, _____ FLOOR, _____, CA _____, _____ EFFECTIVE _____, 2006, WE ESTABLISH THIS IRREVOCABLE LETTER OF CREDIT _____ IN THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF US \$ _____ IN FAVOR OF SEMPRA ENERGY, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION ("BENEFICIARY") AS REFERENCED IN THAT CERTAIN SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, DATED AS OF JANUARY 4, 2006, EXECUTED BY AND AMONG ON THE ONE HAND, SEMPRA ENERGY, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, AND SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, AND, ON THE OTHER HAND, THE "SETTLING CLAIMANTS" (AS DEFINED THEREIN) (AS THE SAME HAS BEEN AND MAY FROM TIME TO TIME HEREAFTER BE SUPPLEMENTED OR AMENDED, THE "SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT").

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THIS LETTER OF CREDIT SHALL EXPIRE AT 4:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME IN LOS ANGELES
ON _____, 20__.

SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS LETTER OF CREDIT, DEMANDS FOR PAYMENT
UNDER THIS LETTER OF CREDIT MAY BE MADE BY THE BENEFICIARY FROM TIME TO
TIME ON OR PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION DATE BY PRESENTATION, PRIOR TO 4:00 P.M.
LOS ANGELES TIME ON ANY BUSINESS DAY, OF YOUR DRAFT IN THE FORM OF
ANNEX A DRAWN ON _____, _____ FLOOR,
LOS ANGELES, CA _____, TOGETHER WITH A CERTIFICATE IN THE FORM OF ANNEX B.
PAYMENT AGAINST CONFORMING DOCUMENTS PRESENTED UNDER THIS LETTER OF
CREDIT SHALL BE MADE AT OR BEFORE 1:00 P.M. LOS ANGELES TIME ON THE NEXT
SUCCEEDING BUSINESS DAY. "BUSINESS DAY" MEANS ANY DAY ON WHICH BANKS
IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA OR NEW YORK, NEW YORK ARE NOT AUTHORIZED OR
REQUIRED BY LAW TO CLOSE AND ON WHICH THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE IS
NOT CLOSED.

PARTIAL DRAWINGS ARE PERMITTED UNDER THIS LETTER OF CREDIT. ONLY THE
BENEFICIARY OR A SUCCESSOR TO WHOM THIS LETTER OF CREDIT HAS BEEN
TRANSFERRED MAY MAKE DEMAND FOR PAYMENT UNDER THIS LETTER OF CREDIT.
THIS LETTER OF CREDIT IS TRANSFERABLE IN ITS ENTIRETY. THIS LETTER OF
CREDIT MAY BE TRANSFERRED TO ANY SUBSEQUENT SUCCESSOR IN EACH CASE
UPON PRESENTATION TO _____, OF THE ORIGINAL OF THIS LETTER OF
CREDIT ACCOMPANIED BY A CERTIFICATE IN THE FORM OF ANNEX C (A "TRANSFER
CERTIFICATE") AND UPON PAYMENT TO _____ OF A TRANSFER
FEE.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

ANNEX A
FORM OF DRAFT

AT SIGHT

DATE:

PAY TO THE ORDER OF _____ THE
AMOUNT OF _____
(\$ _____) DRAWN ON _____, AS ISSUER OF ITS IRREVOCABLE
LETTER OF CREDIT NO _____, DATED _____, 2006.

| BENEFICIARY | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| TO: _____ ____ FLOOR _____, CA | BY: _____ NAME: TITLE: |

BANK OF _____
IRREVOCABLE LETTER OF CREDIT
NO. _____

IRREVOCABLE LETTER OF CREDIT
NO. _____

ANNEX B

FORM OF CERTIFICATE
RE: IRREVOCABLE LETTER OF CREDIT NO. _____

THE UNDERSIGNED, A DULY AUTHORIZED OFFICER OF THE BENEFICIARY,
CERTIFIES AS FOLLOWS TO _____, AS ISSUER OF THE ABOVE-
REFERENCED LETTER OF CREDIT (THE "LETTER OF CREDIT"):

1. ALL TERMS DEFINED IN THE LETTER OF CREDIT ARE USED IN THIS
CERTIFICATE WITH THE SAME MEANINGS.
2. THE UNDERSIGNED IS AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO THE SETTLEMENT
AGREEMENT TO PRESENT THIS CERTIFICATE AND DRAW UPON THE
LETTER OF CREDIT.

DATED: _____

SEMPRA ENERGY, a California corporation
AS BENEFICIARY

BY: _____
NAME: _____
TITLE: _____

IRREVOCABLE LETTER OF CREDIT
NO. _____

ANNEX C

_____, CA _____

ATTENTION: LETTER OF CREDIT DEPARTMENT

RE: _____
LETTER OF CREDIT NO. _____
DATED ____ 2000

GENTLEMEN:

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, THE UNDERSIGNED BENEFICIARY HEREBY
IRREVOCABLY TRANSFERS TO:

(NAME OF TRANSFEREE)
(ADDRESS)

ALL RIGHTS OF THE UNDERSIGNED BENEFICIARY TO DRAW UNDER THE ABOVE
LETTER OF CREDIT IN ITS ENTIRETY. WE CERTIFY THAT THE TRANSFEREE IS A
PARTY TO THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT OR A SUCCESSOR TO A PARTY TO THE
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.

BY THIS TRANSFER, ALL RIGHTS OF THE UNDERSIGNED BENEFICIARY IN SUCH
LETTER OF CREDIT ARE TRANSFERRED TO THE TRANSFEREE AND THE TRANSFEREE
SHALL HAVE THE SOLE RIGHTS AS BENEFICIARY THEREOF, INCLUDING SOLE
RIGHTS RELATING TO ANY AMENDMENTS, WHETHER INCREASES OR EXTENSIONS
OR OTHER AMENDMENTS AND WHETHER NOW EXISTING OR HEREAFTER MADE.
ALL AMENDMENTS ARE TO BE ADVISED DIRECTLY TO THE TRANSFEREE WITHOUT
NECESSITY OF ANY CONSENT OF OR NOTICE TO THE UNDERSIGNED BENEFICIARY.

THIS LETTER OF CREDIT IS RETURNED HERewith, AND WE ASK YOU TO
ENDORSE THE TRANSFER ON THE REVERSE OF THE LETTER OF CREDIT AND
FORWARD THE LETTER OF CREDIT DIRECTLY TO THE TRANSFEREE WITH YOUR
CUSTOMARY NOTICE OF TRANSFER.

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| SIGNATURE AUTHENTICATED | VERY TRULY YOURS, |
| _____ (BANK) | _____ BENEFICIARY |
| | BY: _____ |

(AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE)

TITLE:

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EXHIBIT B

**DISTRICT COURT
CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA**

THE STATE OF NEVADA, in its proprietary,)
capacity and as *Parens Patriae*, by and)
through its Attorney General, Brian)
Sandoval; ROBERT L. MOORE and)
COLETTE L. MOORE, individually and as)
Class Representatives for all others similarly)
situated; and JENNIFER FRAZEE and)
JOHN FRAZEE, individually and doing)
business as FRAZEE ELECTRIC,)
individually and as Class Representatives)
for all others similarly situated,)

Plaintiffs,)

vs.)

EL PASO CORPORATION; EL PASO)
NATURAL GAS COMPANY; EL PASO)
MERCHANT ENERGY COMPANY, a)
division of El Paso Corporation; EL PASO)
TENNESSEE PIPELINE COMPANY; EL)
PASO MERCHANT ENERGY-GAS, L.P.;)
EL PASO GAS MARKETING COMPANY;)
EL PASO POWER OPERATIONS)
COMPANY; EL PASO MERCHANT)
ENERGY – PETROLEUM COMPANY;)
SEMPRA ENERGY; SOUTHERN)
CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY; SAN)
DIEGO GAS AND ELECTRIC; SEMPRA)
ENERGY TRADING CO.; SEMPRA)
ENERGY RESOURCES CO.; SEMPRA)
ENERGY POWER I; SEMPRA ENERGY)
SOLUTIONS; SEMPRA ENERGY SALES,)
LLC; and DOES 1-100,)

Defendants.)

Case No. A458583-02

**NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT AND
FAIRNESS HEARING**

**IF YOU PURCHASED NATURAL GAS OR ELECTRICITY FOR YOUR HOME
OR BUSINESS IN SOUTHERN NEVADA, THE PENDING CLASS ACTION
LITIGATION MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS**

PLEASE READ THIS LEGAL NOTICE

A proposed class action settlement between plaintiffs representing Southern Nevada business and residential customers of natural gas and electrical power, including those who purchased gas from Southwest Gas and electricity from Nevada Power Company is pending in Eighth Judicial District Court in Clark County, Nevada, Court Room IV, located at The Regional Justice Center, 200 Lewis Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89155. The Representative Plaintiffs include the State of Nevada, Robert L. Moore and Colette L. Moore. The Defendants who have agreed to the settlement include Sempra Energy, Southern California Gas Company, San Diego Gas and Electric, Sempra Energy Trading Company, Sempra Energy Resources Co., Sempra Energy Power I, Sempra Energy Solutions, and Sempra Energy Sales (hereinafter the "Sempra Defendants").

I. WHAT IS THIS LAWSUIT ABOUT?

The Representative Plaintiffs allege that Sempra Defendants conspired with El Paso Corporation and its subsidiaries to eliminate competing pipeline projects under development which would have increased supplies of natural gas to Southern Nevada and reduced or averted natural gas shortages and high natural gas and electricity prices experienced in Southern Nevada in 2000-2001. El Paso Corporation previously settled with the Representative Plaintiffs. The Sempra Defendants deny these allegations. The lawsuit filed by the Representative Plaintiffs sought damages and restitution based on the higher energy costs.

II. WHO IS COVERED BY THE SETTLEMENT?

This settlement class includes all individuals and entities in Southern Nevada who purchased gas and/or electric power, including those who purchased gas or transportation service from Southwest Gas Corporation and/or electric power from Nevada Power Company from September 1, 1996 through January 4, 2006.

III. WHAT ARE THE TERMS OF THE SETTLEMENT?

The material terms of the settlement include:

- In exchange for the release of pending claims, the Sempra Defendants will provide total consideration to the class of up to \$30 million less attorneys' fees and costs awarded by the Court.

- The \$30 million is payable to the Attorney General for the State of Nevada, acting as chief law enforcement officer for his state and in his *parens patriae* capacity, and to Robert L. & Colette L. Moore, individually and on behalf of the Nevada Class, in eight equal annual installments payments.
- Representative Plaintiffs must also file an Allocation Agreement, subject to Court approval that identifies how the \$30 million will be apportioned and distributed among the settlement class. Representative Plaintiffs anticipate the benefits of the settlement will be passed through to current gas ratepayers of Southwest Gas Corporation in Southern Nevada in the form of rate reductions, credits, and/or rebates. Similarly, Representative Plaintiffs anticipate the benefits of the settlement will be passed through to current electricity ratepayers of Alamo Power District, City of Boulder City, Lincoln County Power, Nevada Power Company, Overton Power District, Panaca Power and Light, Penoyer Valley Electric, and Valley Electric Association in Southern Nevada in the form of rate reductions, credits, and/or rebates. Representative Plaintiffs also anticipate transportation service customers of Southwest Gas Corporation will receive a monetary benefit from the settlement. However, transportation service customers who did not file a claim under an earlier, related settlement with El Paso Corporation will be required to file a claim to receive a benefit.

IV. WHAT ARE YOUR RIGHTS?

If you wish to remain in the settlement class, YOU NEED NOT TAKE ANY ACTION AT THIS TIME. However, you will be bound by the rulings of the Court if the settlement is approved. This will include a broad release of your claims against the Sempra Defendants.

If you do not wish to participate in the settlement or be bound by the settlement terms, you may be excluded from the action by mailing a letter requesting exclusion from the class which must be post marked on or before August 10, 2006, as outlined in the Court Order Conditionally Certifying Notice of Proposed Class Action Settlement; Granting Motion For Preliminary Approval; And Scheduling Hearing On Final Approval which is found on www.naturalgasantitrustlitigation.com or can be obtained by calling 1-888-262-4479.

A hearing will be held by the Court on September 8, 2006 to determine whether the proposed settlement should be approved and to consider the application of the Plaintiffs' law firms representing the class for attorneys' fees and costs not to exceed \$4.7 million.

If you wish to object to the settlement, you must remain a class member. You and/or your counsel may appear in opposition to the settlement following procedures outlined in the Court Order Conditionally Certifying Notice of Proposed Class Action Settlement; Granting Motion For Preliminary Approval; And Scheduling Hearing On Final Approval which is found on www.naturalgasantitrustlitigation.com or can be obtained by calling 1-888-262-4479.

For further information, including a copy of the Settlement Agreement, visit www.naturalgasantitrustlitigation.com or call 1-888-262-4479.