# Base Contract for Sale and Purchase of Natural Gas 1234

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Peoples: [1] Written default

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Peoples: [3] replace "date" with "day"

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Peoples: [3] replace "date" with "day"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Peoples: [2] make Spot Price default

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> SRP: [4] Replace "Forward Contract Damages" with "liquidated damages" or "actual damages"

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> SRP: [4] Replace "Forward Contract Damages" with "liquidated damages" or "actual damages"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> SDGE / SoCal: [2]Boxes are out of numerical order

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> DTEET: Objects to selection of Texas. Proposes to New York law or to remain silent

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> J Aron: Remove default law

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> PCES: [3] Support Texas as default or leave blank

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Sempra: [1] No default provision or support New York

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Peoples: [4] silent on choice of law

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> KeySpan: [4] modify section to require parties to specify choice of law or in the alternative to list all States in the check off box

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> AIG: [1] disagree that TX law should be default. Recommend either no default law or New York law

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> NiSource: [8] controlling law should be agreed to between the parties. Does not agree with Texas as default.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> SDGE/SoCAL: [1] Texas law should not be default

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Duke: Change the Choice of Law default to New York

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> WG: [6]supports keeping the "Choice of Law" option a fill in the blank

## **SECTION 1.** PURPOSE AND PROCEDURES

1.1. These General Terms and Conditions are intended to facilitate purchase and sale transactions of Gas on a Firm or Interruptible basis. "Buyer" refers to the party receiving Gas and "Seller" refers to the party delivering Gas. The entire agreement between the parties shall be the Contract as defined in Section 2.6.

The parties have selected either the "Oral Transaction Procedure" or the "Written Transaction Procedure" as indicated on the Base Contract.

## Oral Transaction Procedure: 27

1.2. The parties will use the following Transaction Confirmation procedure. Any Gas purchase and sale transaction may be effectuated in an EDI transmission or telephone conversation with the offer and acceptance constituting the agreement of the parties. The parties shall be legally bound from the time they so agree to transaction terms and may each rely thereon. Any such transaction shall be considered a "writing" and to have been "signed". Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, the parties agree that Confirming Party shall, and the other party may, confirm a telephonic transaction by sending the other party a Transaction Confirmation by facsimile, EDI or mutually agreeable electronic means<sup>28</sup>. Confirming Party adopts its confirming letterhead, or the like, as its signature on any Transaction Confirmation as the identification and authentication of Confirming Party. If the Transaction Confirmation contains<sup>29</sup> any provisions other than those relating to the commercial terms of the transaction (i.e., price, quantity, performance obligation, delivery point, period of delivery and/or transportation conditions), which modify or supplement the Base Contract or General Terms and Conditions of this Contract (e.g., arbitration or additional representations and warranties), such provisions shall not be deemed to be accepted pursuant to Section 1.3 but must be expressly agreed<sup>30 31</sup> to by both parties; provided that the foregoing shall not invalidate any transaction agreed to by the parties<sup>32</sup>.

#### **Written Transaction Procedure:**

- 1.2. The parties will use the following Transaction Confirmation procedure. Should the parties come to an agreement regarding a Gas purchase and sale transaction for a particular Delivery Period, the Confirming Party shall, and the other party may, record that agreement on a Transaction Confirmation and communicate such Transaction Confirmation by facsimile, EDI or mutually agreeable electronic means, to the other party by the close of the Business Day following the date of agreement. The parties acknowledge that their agreement will not be binding until the exchange of non-conflicting Transaction Confirmations or the passage of the Confirm Deadline without objection from the receiving party, as provided in Section 1.3.
- 1.3. <sup>33</sup>If a sending party's Transaction Confirmation is materially different from the receiving party's understanding of the agreement referred to in Section 1.2, such receiving party shall notify the sending party via facsimile by the Confirm Deadline, unless such receiving party has previously sent a Transaction Confirmation to the sending party. The failure of the receiving party to so notify the sending party in writing by the Confirm Deadline constitutes the receiving party's agreement to the terms of the transaction described in the sending party's Transaction Confirmation. If there are any material differences between timely sent Transaction Confirmations governing the same transaction, then neither Transaction Confirmation shall be binding until or unless such differences are resolved including the use of any evidence that clearly resolves the differences in the Transaction

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> ConEd: "transaction" as it is used throughout the proposed GISB to refer to transactions that are confirmed orally should be defined in the Contract

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> APS: add "within three (3) Business Days of telephonic transaction"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Peoples: [Pg2,1] insert space between contains and any

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> ConEd: Insert the words, "in writing"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> Yankee: the express agreement of the parties should be evidenced by a writing

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> Duke: delete last sentence

APS: Change the first sentence to read as follows: "If the commercial terms of a sending party's Transaction Confirmation is different from the receiving party's understanding of the agreement referred to in Section 1.2, such receiving party shall notify the sending party via facsimile, e-mail, or other mutually agreeable means by the Confirm Deadline, unless such receiving party has previously sent a Transaction Confirmation to the sending party."

Confirmations. In the event of a conflict among the terms of (i) a<sup>34</sup> binding<sup>35</sup> Transaction Confirmation pursuant to Section 1.2<sup>36</sup>, (ii) the oral agreement of the parties which may be evidenced by a recorded conversation, where the parties have selected the Oral Transaction Procedure of the Base Contract, (iii) the Base Contract, and (iv) these General Terms and Conditions, the terms of the documents shall govern in the priority listed in this sentence<sup>3738</sup>.

1.4. The parties agree that each party may electronically record all telephone conversations between their respective employees<sup>3940</sup>, without any special or further notice to the other party. Each party shall obtain any necessary consent of its agents and employees to such recording. Where the parties have selected the Oral Transaction Procedure in Section 1.2 of the Base Contract, the parties agree not to contest the validity or enforceability of telephonic recordings entered into in accordance with the requirements of this Base Contract. However, nothing herein shall be construed as a waiver of any objection to the admissibility of such evidence.

## SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS<sup>4142</sup>

- 2.1. "Base Contract" shall mean a contract executed by the parties that incorporates these General Terms and Conditions by reference; that specifies the agreed selections of provisions contained herein; and that sets forth other information required herein.
- 2.2. "British thermal unit" or "Btu" shall mean the International 43 44 BTU, which is also called the Btu (IT).
- 2.3. "Business Day" shall mean any day except Saturday, Sunday or Federal Reserve Bank holidays.
- 2.4. "Confirm Deadline" shall mean 5:00 p.m. in the receiving party's time zone on the second Business Day following the Day a Transaction Confirmation is received or, if applicable, on the Business Day agreed to by the parties in the Base Contract; provided, if the Transaction Confirmation is time stamped after 5:00 p.m. in the receiving party's time zone, it shall be deemed received at the opening of the next Business Day.
- 2.5. "Confirming Party" shall mean the party designated in the Base Contract to prepare and forward Transaction Confirmations to the other party.
- 2.6. "Contract" shall mean the legally-binding relationship established by (i) the Base Contract, (ii) any and all effective 4546 Transaction Confirmations and (iii) where the parties have selected the Oral Transaction

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> Peoples: [pg2,2] insert space between a and binding

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> ConEd: "effective Transaction Confirmation" and "binding Transaction Confirmation" are used interchangeably. Prefers "binding" as it is the term used in definition

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> Yankee: In Oral Transaction Procedure, why should the Transaction Confirmation take precedence in the order of priority

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> AIG: [2] add to end of sentence "absent manifest error in document (i), in which case document (ii) will have priority over document (i)"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> NiSource: [1] The language of Section 1.3 regarding conflict among oral and written agreements is not clear as to what document ultimately controls.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> ConEd: insert, "who are involved in the purchase, sale, and or trading of Gas"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> Yankee: clarify that the recording is between the parties' respective marketing and trading employees

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> Duke: Add the following definitions: "Collateral" is defined in Section 10.1.1.; "Event of Default" is defined in Section 10.2.; "Exposed Party" is defined in Section 10.1.1.; "Net Settlement Amount" is defined in Section 10.3.2.; "Non-Exposed Party" is defined in Section 10.1.1.; "Non-Secured Party" is defined in Section 10.1.1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> WG: [2] Section 2. Definitions. The following statement should be added: The terms set forth below shall have the meaning ascribed to them below. Other terms are also defined elsewhere in the Agreement and shall have the meanings ascribed to them therein. Rationale -- The listing is not inclusive of every definition in the contract.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> Peoples: [pg2.3] what is meaning of the word International?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> KeySpan: [2] Clarification for the change of definition and significance of adding "international"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> ConEd: "effective Transaction Confirmation" and "binding Transaction Confirmation" are used interchangeably. Prefers "binding" as it is the term used in definition

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> Yankee: effective Transaction Confirmations hasn't been defined. Binding is used in other sections.

Procedure in Section 1.2 of the Base Contract, any and all transactions that the parties have entered into through an EDI transmission or by telephone, but that have not been confirmed in an effective<sup>47</sup> Transaction Confirmation.

- 2.7. "Contract Price" shall mean the amount expressed in U.S. Dollars per MMBtu<sup>48</sup> to be paid by Buyer to Seller for the purchase of Gas as agreed to by the parties in a transaction.
- 2.8. "Contract Quantity" shall mean the quantity of Gas to be delivered and taken as agreed to by the parties in a transaction.
- 2.9. "Cover Standard"<sup>49</sup>, as referred to in Section 3.2, shall mean that if there is an unexcused failure to take or deliver any quantity of Gas pursuant to this Contract, then the performing party<sup>50</sup> shall use commercially reasonable efforts to obtain Gas or alternate fuels<sup>515253</sup>, or sell Gas, at a price reasonable for the delivery or production area, as applicable, consistent with: the amount of notice provided by the non-performing party; the immediacy of the Buyer's Gas consumption needs or Seller's Gas sales requirements, as applicable; the quantities involved; and the anticipated length of failure by the non-performing party.
- 2.10. "Credit Support Obligation(s)" shall mean any obligation(s) to provide or establish credit support for, or on behalf of, a party to this Contract such as an irrevocable standby letter of credit, a margin agreement, a prepayment, a security interest in an asset, a performance bond, guaranty, or other good and sufficient security of a continuing nature agreed to by the parties<sup>54</sup>.
- 2.11. "Day" shall mean a period of 24 consecutive hours, coextensive with a "day" as defined by the Receiving Transporter in a particular transaction.
- 2.12. "Delivery Period" shall be the period during which deliveries are to be made as agreed to by the parties in a transaction.
- 2.13. "Delivery Point(s)"<sup>55</sup> shall mean such point(s) as are agreed to by the parties in a transaction.<sup>56</sup>
- 2.14. "EDI" shall mean an electronic data interchange pursuant to an agreement entered into by the parties, specifically relating to the communication of Transaction Confirmations under this Contract.
- 2.15. "EFP" shall mean the purchase, sale or exchange of natural Gas as the "physical" side of an exchange for physical transaction involving gas futures contracts. EFP shall incorporate the meaning and remedies of "Firm", provided that a party's excuse for nonperformance of its obligations to deliver or receive Gas will be governed by the rules of the relevant futures exchange regulated under the Commodity Exchange Act.
- 2.16. "Firm" shall mean that either party may interrupt its performance without liability only to the extent that such performance is prevented for reasons of Force Majeure; provided, however, that during Force Majeure interruptions, the party invoking Force Majeure may be responsible for any Imbalance Charges as set forth in

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> ConEd: "effective Transaction Confirmation" and "binding Transaction Confirmation" are used interchangeably. Prefers "binding" as it is the term used in definition

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> Peoples: [pg2,4] insert the word gas after MMBtu

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> Peoples: [pg2,5] use "defaulting party" and "non-defaulting party" in place of "performing party" and "non-performing party"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup> ConEd: Not clear why "non-defaulting party" was replaced with "performing party". Explanation?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup> SRP: [3] delete "alternate fuels"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>52</sup> AIG: [4a] delete "or alternate fuels"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>53</sup> SDGE / SoCal: [3] delete 'or alternate fuels'

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>54</sup> Duke: Delete "agreed to by the parties" and insert "as specified by the Non-Defaulting Party" in its place.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>55</sup> Peoples: [pg2,6] revise definition, "the point(s) on Transporter's system where Seller tenders Gas for delivery, as are agreed to by the parties in a transaction"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>56</sup> Duke: Delete the current definition of "Delivery Point(s)" and insert the following in its place: "Delivery Point(s)" shall mean that specific point at which the Parties have mutually agreed that Seller will deliver the Gas to Buyer and Buyer will receive the Gas from Seller, as specified for each Transaction in the Transaction Confirmation. Title to the Gas shall transfer from Seller to Buyer at the Delivery Point(s).

Section 4.3 related to its interruption after the nomination is made to the Transporter and until the change in deliveries and/or receipts is confirmed by the Transporter.

- 2.17. "Gas" shall mean any mixture of hydrocarbons and non-combustible gases in a gaseous state consisting primarily of methane.
- 2.18. "Imbalance Charges" shall mean any fees, penalties, costs or charges (in cash or in kind) assessed by a Transporter for failure to satisfy the Transporter's balance and/or nomination requirements.
- 2.19. "Interruptible" shall mean that either party may interrupt its performance at any time for any reason, whether or not caused by an event of Force Majeure, with no liability, except such interrupting party may be responsible for any Imbalance Charges as set forth in Section 4.3 related to its interruption after the nomination is made to the Transporter and until the change in deliveries and/or receipts is confirmed by Transporter.
- 2.20. "MMBtu" shall mean one million British thermal units, which is equivalent to one dekatherm.
- 2.21. "Month" shall mean the period beginning on the first Day of the calendar month and ending immediately prior to the commencement of the first Day of the next calendar month.
- 2.22. "Payment Date" shall mean a date, as indicated on the Base Contract, on or before which payment is due Seller for Gas received by Buyer in the previous Month.
- 2.23. "Receiving Transporter" shall mean the Transporter receiving Gas at a Delivery Point, or absent such receiving Transporter, the Transporter delivering Gas at a Delivery Point.
- 2.24. "Scheduled Gas" shall mean the quantity of Gas confirmed by Transporter(s) for movement, transportation or management.
- 2.25. <sup>57</sup>"Spot Price Standard" as referred to in Section 3.2 shall mean the price listed in the publication indicated on the Base Contract, under the listing applicable to the geographic location closest in proximity to the Delivery Point(s) for the relevant Day; provided, if there is no single price published for such location for such Day, but there is published a range of prices, then the Spot Price Standard shall be the average of such high and low prices. If no price or range of prices is published for such Day, then the Spot Price Standard shall be the average of the following: (i) the price (determined as stated above) for the first Day for which a price or range of prices is published that next precedes the relevant Day; and (ii) the price (determined as stated above) for the first Day for which a price or range of prices is published that next follows the relevant Day.
- 2.26. "Transaction Confirmation" shall mean a document, similar to the form of Exhibit A, setting forth the terms of a transaction formed pursuant to Section 1 for a particular Delivery Period.
- 2.27. "Transporter(s)" shall mean all Gas gathering or pipeline companies, or local distribution companies, acting in the capacity of a transporter, transporting Gas for Seller or Buyer upstream or downstream, respectively, of the Delivery Point pursuant to a particular transaction.

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SECTION 3. PERFORMANCE OBLIGATION 5960

3.1. Seller agrees to sell and deliver, and Buyer agrees to receive and purchase, the Contract Quantity for a particular transaction in accordance with the terms of the Contract. Sales and purchases will be on a Firm or Interruptible basis, as agreed to by the parties in a transaction.

The parties have selected either the "Cover Standard" or the "Spot Price Standard" as indicated on the Base Contract.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>57</sup> Duke: This section defines the "Spot Price Standard," but in Section 3.2, this definition is referred to simply as "Spot Price." Please either select one term and change all the applicable references accordingly, or create a separate description for Spot Price.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>58</sup> Duke: add new definition, "Demand Charge" - shall mean the portion of the Price that is paid periodically irrespective of whether any quantity of Gas is delivered or received.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>59</sup> Sempra: [2] No statement as to when non-performance damages are to be paid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>60</sup> AIG: [5] No date by which payment should be made for failure to deliver or receive gas. Suggest "The amount of such unfavorable difference shall be payable within two Business Days after presentation of the non-breaching party's invoice for such amount which shall set forth the basis which such amount was calculated".

#### **Cover Standard:**

The sole and exclusive remedy of the parties in the event of a breach of a Firm obligation<sup>61</sup> shall be recovery of the following: (i) in the event of a breach by Seller on any Day(s), payment by Seller to Buyer in an amount equal to the positive difference, if any, between the purchase price paid by Buyer utilizing the Cover Standard for replacement Gas or alternative fuels 62636465 and the Contract Price, adjusted for commercially reasonable differences in transportation costs to or from the Delivery Point(s), multiplied by the difference between the Contract Quantity and the quantity actually delivered by Seller for such Day(s); or (ii) in the event of a breach by Buyer on any Day(s), payment by Buyer to Seller in the amount equal to the positive difference, if any, between the Contract Price and the price received by Seller utilizing the Cover Standard for the resale of such Gas, adjusted for commercially reasonable differences in transportation costs to or from the Delivery Point(s), multiplied by the difference between the Contract Quantity and the quantity actually taken by Buyer for such Day(s)<sup>66</sup>; or (iii) in the event that Buyer has used commercially reasonable efforts to replace the Gas or Seller has used commercially reasonable efforts to sell the Gas to a third party, and no such replacement or sale is available, then the sole and exclusive remedy of the performing party shall be any unfavorable difference between the Contract Price and the Spot Price, adjusted for such transportation to the applicable Delivery Point, multiplied by the difference between the Contract Quantity and the quantity actually delivered by Seller and received by Buyer for such Day(s). Imbalance Charges shall not be recovered under this Section 3.2, but Seller and/or Buyer shall be responsible for Imbalance Charges, if any, as provided in Section 4.3.67

## **Spot Price Standard:**

3.2. The sole and exclusive remedy of the parties in the event of a breach of a Firm obligation<sup>68</sup> shall be recovery of the following: (i) in the event of a breach by Seller on any Day(s), payment by Seller to Buyer in an amount equal to the difference between the Contract Quantity and the actual quantity delivered by Seller and received by Buyer for such Day(s), multiplied by the positive difference, if any, obtained by subtracting the Contract Price from the Spot Price<sup>69</sup>; (ii) in the event of a breach by Buyer on any Day(s), payment by Buyer to Seller in an amount equal to the difference between the Contract Quantity and the actual quantity delivered by Seller and received by Buyer for such Day(s), multiplied by the positive difference, if any, obtained by subtracting the applicable Spot Price<sup>70</sup> from the Contract Price. Imbalance Charges shall not be recovered under this Section 3.2, but Seller and/or Buyer shall be responsible for Imbalance Charges, if any, as provided in Section 4.3.<sup>71</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>61</sup> Peoples: [pg2,7a] insert, "to deliver or take Gas"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>62</sup> SRP: [3] delete "alternative fuel"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>63</sup> AIG: [4b] delete "or alternate fuels"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>64</sup> SDGE /Socal: [4]delete 'or alternate fuels'

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>65</sup> Duke: Delete "or alternative fuels" in the third line, first sentence of this section

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>66</sup> Peoples: [pg2,7b] delete, or (iii) to end of sentence

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>67</sup> SDGE / SoCal: [5] add, 'The amount of such unfavorable difference shall be payable three (3) Business Days after presentation of the performing party's invoice for such amount which shall set forth the basis upon which such amount was calculated'.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>68</sup> Peoples: [pg2,8] insert, "to deliver or take Gas"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>69</sup> Duke: This section defines the "Spot Price Standard," but in Section 3.2, this definition is referred to simply as "Spot Price." Please either select one term and change all the applicable references accordingly, or create a separate description for Spot Price.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>70</sup> Duke: This section defines the "Spot Price Standard," but in Section 3.2, this definition is referred to simply as "Spot Price." Please either select one term and change all the applicable references accordingly, or create a separate description for Spot Price.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>71</sup> SDGE / SoCal: [5] add, 'The amount of such unfavorable difference shall be payable three (3) Business Days after presentation of the performing party's invoice for such amount which shall set forth the basis upon which such amount was calculated'.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>72</sup> ECNGC: [1] Proposes an additional option that would provide for substantial, \$-denominated penalty to Seller if Seller fails to perform and Buyer is unable to arrange for replacement gas

## **SECTION 4.** TRANSPORTATION, NOMINATIONS, AND IMBALANCES

- 4.1. Seller shall have the sole responsibility for transporting the Gas to the Delivery Point(s). Buyer shall have the sole responsibility for transporting the Gas from the Delivery Point(s).
- 4.2. The parties shall coordinate their nomination activities, giving sufficient time<sup>73</sup> to meet the deadlines of the affected Transporter(s). Each party shall give the other party timely prior notice, sufficient to meet the requirements of all Transporter(s) involved in the transaction, of the quantities of Gas to be delivered and purchased each Day. Should either party become aware that actual deliveries at the Delivery Point(s) are greater or lesser than the Scheduled Gas, such party shall promptly notify the other party.
- 4.3. The parties shall use commercially reasonable efforts to avoid imposition of any Imbalance Charges. If Buyer or Seller receives an invoice from a Transporter that includes Imbalance Charges, the parties shall determine the validity as well as the cause of such Imbalance Charges. If the Imbalance Charges were incurred as a result of Buyer's receipt of quantities of Gas greater than or less than the Scheduled Gas, then Buyer shall pay for such Imbalance Charges or reimburse Seller for such Imbalance Charges paid by Seller. If the Imbalance Charges were incurred as a result of Seller's delivery of quantities of Gas greater than or less than the Scheduled Gas, then Seller shall pay for such Imbalance Charges or reimburse Buyer for such Imbalance Charges paid by Buyer.

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## **SECTION 5.** QUALITY AND MEASUREMENT

All Gas delivered by Seller shall meet the pressure, quality and heat content requirements of the Receiving Transporter. The unit of quantity measurement for purposes of this Contract shall be one MMBtu dry. Measurement of Gas quantities hereunder shall be in accordance with the established procedures of the Receiving Transporter.

## SECTION 6. TAXES<sup>75</sup>

The parties have selected either "Buyer Pays At and After Delivery Point" or "Seller Pays Before and At Delivery Point" as indicated on the Base Contract.

## **Buyer Pays At and After Delivery Point:**

Seller shall pay or cause to be paid all taxes, fees, levies, penalties, licenses or charges imposed by any government authority ("Taxes") on or with respect to the Gas prior to the Delivery Point(s). Buyer shall pay or cause to be paid all Taxes on or with respect to the Gas at the Delivery Point(s) and all Taxes after the Delivery Point(s)<sup>76</sup>. If a party is required to remit or pay Taxes that are the other party's responsibility hereunder, the party responsible for such Taxes shall promptly reimburse the other party for such Taxes. Any party entitled to an exemption from any such Taxes or charges shall furnish the other party any necessary documentation thereof.

## **Seller Pays Before and At Delivery Point:**

Seller shall pay or cause to be paid all taxes, fees, levies, penalties, licenses or charges imposed by any

<sup>73</sup> Peoples: [pg2,9] use specific nom deadline rather than "sufficient time". Proposes: "1 hour prior to the Transporter's nom deadline"

AIG: [6] proposes new section: "4.4 If, at the time the parties enter into a Gas purchase and sale transaction under which one party is to sell Gas to the other, one or more other Gas purchase and sale transactions are outstanding under which such other party is to sell Gas to such first party for delivery during the same Delivery Period and at the same Delivery Point for payment on the same Payment Date, then (subject to a) any applicable regulations of the relevant Transporter and b) Section 10) all such offsetting transactions shall be netted into a single transaction under which (a) the party required to deliver the larger amount of Gas shall deliver to the other party the difference between the amount of Gas it is to deliver and the amount it is to receive under such offsetting transactions, and (b) the party owing the greater purchase price under such offsetting Gas purchase and sale transaction shall pay to the other party the difference between the amount it owes and the amount owed to it under such offsetting transactions. The single resulting transaction shall be deemed entered into automatically and, once entered into, outstanding obligations under the offsetting transactions shall terminate. Such netting shall not affect that transaction's status as a "Forward Contract" for purposes of the U.S Bankruptcy Code based on the date it was originally entered into."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>75</sup> NiSource: [2] The draft should specify that neither the contract price nor any other term of the contract is affected by any change in the rate or amount of any applicable tax on either party.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>76</sup> Duke: add "including, but not limited to all sales or use, gross receipts, and consumption taxes"

government authority ("Taxes") on or with respect to the Gas prior to the Delivery Point(s) and all Taxes at the Delivery Point(s). Buyer shall pay or cause to be paid all Taxes on or with respect to the Gas after the Delivery Point(s)<sup>77</sup>. If a party is required to remit or pay Taxes that are the other party's responsibility hereunder, the party responsible for such Taxes shall promptly reimburse the other party for such Taxes. Any party entitled to an exemption from any such Taxes or charges shall furnish the other party any necessary documentation thereof.

## SECTION 7. BILLING, PAYMENT, AND AUDIT<sup>78</sup>

- 7.1. Seller shall invoice Buyer<sup>79</sup> for Gas delivered and received in the preceding Month and for any other applicable charges<sup>80</sup>, providing supporting documentation acceptable in industry practice to support the amount charged. If the actual quantity delivered is not known by the billing date, billing will be prepared based on the quantity of Scheduled Gas. The invoiced quantity will then be adjusted to the actual quantity on the following Month's billing or as soon thereafter as actual delivery information is available.
- 7.2. <sup>81</sup>Buyer shall remit the amount due in the manner specified in the Base Contract, in immediately available funds, on or before the later of the Payment Date or 10 days after receipt of the invoice by Buyer; provided that if the Payment Date is not a Business Day, payment is due on the next Business Day following that date. If Buyer, in good faith, disputes the amount of any such statement or any part thereof, Buyer will pay to Seller such amount as it concedes to be correct; provided, however, if Buyer disputes the amount due, Buyer must provide supporting documentation acceptable in industry practice to support the amount paid or disputed. In the event the parties are unable to resolve such dispute, either party may pursue any remedy available at law<sup>82</sup> to enforce its rights pursuant to this Section.
- 7.3. If Buyer fails to remit the full amount payable by it when due, interest on the unpaid portion shall accrue from the date due until the date of payment at a rate equal to the lower of (i) the then-effective prime rate of interest published under "Money Rates" by The Wall Street Journal, plus two percent per annum; or (ii) the maximum applicable lawful interest rate.
- 7.4. In the event any payments are due Buyer hereunder, payment to Buyer shall be made in accordance with Sections <sup>83</sup>7.2 and 7.3 above.
- 7.5. A party shall have the right, at its own expense, upon reasonable notice and at reasonable times, to examine and audit and to obtain copies of the relevant portion of the books, records, and telephone recordations<sup>84</sup> of the other party only to the extent reasonably necessary to verify the accuracy of any statement, charge, payment, or computation made under the Contract. This examination right<sup>85</sup> shall not be available with respect to proprietary information not directly relevant to transactions under this Contract. All invoices and billings shall be conclusively presumed final and accurate and all associated claims for under- or overpayments shall be deemed released<sup>86</sup> unless such invoices or billings are objected to in writing, with adequate explanation and/or documentation, within two years after the Month of Gas delivery. All retroactive adjustments under Section 7 shall be paid in full by the party owing payment within 30 days of notice and substantiation of such inaccuracy.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>77</sup> Duke: add "including, but not limited to all sales or use, gross receipts, and consumption taxes"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>78</sup> SPR: [5] Monthly check out language similar to, "Parties shall perform a monthly confirmation of gas quantities and corresponding price prior to the invoice being issued. The parties shall confirm by telephone, fax, e-mail or other mutually acceptable method."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>79</sup> NiSource: [3] The contract is unclear regarding when invoices must be issued

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>80</sup> Peoples: [pg2,10] insert the words, "less any credits pursuant to Section 3.2"

<sup>81</sup> SDGE /SoCal: [6] add "Except as set forth in Section 3.2,"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>82</sup> Peoples: [pg211] insert, "or in equity"

<sup>83</sup> SDGE /SoCal: [7]add "3.2"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>84</sup> Peoples: [pg2,12a] replace recordations with recordings

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>85</sup> Peoples: [pg2,12b] replace, "This examination right" with, "This right to examine, audit and to obtain copies"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>86</sup> Yankee: Isn't "waived" more appropriate than "released"?

7.6. <sup>87</sup>Unless the parties have elected on the Base Contract not to make this Section 7.6 applicable to this Contract, the parties shall net all undisputed amounts due and owing <sup>888990</sup>, and/or past due, arising under the Contract such that the party owing the greater amount shall make a single payment of the net amount to the other party in accordance with Section 7; provided that no payment required to be made pursuant to the terms of any Credit Support Obligation shall be subject to netting under this Section. If the parties have executed a separate netting agreement, the terms and conditions therein shall prevail to the extent inconsistent herewith <sup>91</sup>.

## SECTION 8. TITLE, WARRANTY, AND INDEMNITY

- 8.1. Unless otherwise specifically agreed, title to the Gas shall pass from Seller to Buyer at the Delivery Point(s). Seller shall have responsibility for and assume any liability with respect to the Gas prior to its delivery to Buyer at the specified Delivery Point(s). Buyer shall have responsibility for and any liability with respect to said Gas after its delivery to Buyer at the Delivery Point(s).
- 8.2. <sup>92</sup>Seller warrants that <sup>93</sup>it will have the right to convey and will transfer good and merchantable title to all Gas sold hereunder and delivered by it to Buyer, free and clear of all liens, encumbrances, and claims<sup>94</sup>. ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING ANY WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR OF FITNESS FOR ANY PARTICULAR PURPOSE, ARE DISCLAIMED.
- 8.3. Seller agrees to indemnify Buyer and save it harmless from all losses, liabilities or claims including<sup>95</sup> attorneys' fees and costs of court ("Claims"), from any and all persons, arising from or out of claims of title, personal injury or property damage from said Gas or other charges thereon which attach before title passes to Buyer. Buyer agrees to indemnify Seller and save it harmless from all Claims, from any and all persons, arising from or out of claims regarding payment, personal injury or property damage from said Gas or other charges thereon which attach after title passes to Buyer.
- 8.4. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Section 8, as between Seller and Buyer, Seller will be liable for all Claims to the extent that such arise from the failure of Gas delivered by Seller to meet the quality requirements of Section 5.96

## **SECTION 9.** NOTICES

- 9.1. All Transaction Confirmations, invoices, payments and other communications made pursuant to the Base Contract ("Notices") shall be made to the addresses specified in writing by the respective parties from time to time.
- 9.2. All Notices required hereunder may be sent by facsimile or mutually acceptable electronic means, a nationally recognized overnight courier service, first class mail or hand delivered.
- 9.3. Notice shall be given when received on a Business Day by the addressee. In the absence of proof of the actual receipt date, the following presumptions will apply. Notices sent by facsimile shall be deemed to have been received upon the sending party's receipt of its facsimile machine's confirmation of successful

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>87</sup> WG: [3] supports the addition of netting language to the contract.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>88</sup> Sempra: [3] Add language "on the same day"

 $<sup>^{89}</sup>$  AIG: [7] add language "on the same Payment date" // same proposal for Canadian Addendum

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>90</sup> SDGE /SoCal: [8] add 'on the same day'

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>91</sup> Yankee: Would it be easier to state that if the Parties have executed a separate netting agreement, the terms and conditions therein shall supersede this section?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>92</sup> Peoples: [pg2,13] Peoples does not feel it is appropriate to waive warranties for a gas supply agreement

<sup>93</sup> SDGE /SoCal: [9] add "(a)"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>94</sup> SDGE /SoCal: [9] add "(b) Its sales to Buyer is in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations, and (c) Buyer is not the first purchaser of the Gas. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION 8.2 AND IN SECTION 14.8."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>95</sup> Peoples: [pg2,14] insert the word, "reasonable"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>96</sup> NiSource: [5] believes Buyer should not be obligated to accept delivery of, or pay for, any Gas that does not meet the quality standards.

transmission<sup>97</sup>. If the day on which such facsimile is received is not a Business Day or is after five p.m. on a Business Day, then such facsimile shall be deemed to have been received on the next following Business Day. Notice by overnight mail or courier shall be deemed to have been received on the next Business Day after it was sent or such earlier time as is confirmed by the receiving party. Notice via first class mail shall be considered delivered five Business Days after mailing<sup>98</sup>.

# SECTION 10. FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY 99100

10.1. <sup>101</sup>If either party ("X") has reasonable grounds<sup>102</sup> for insecurity regarding the performance of any payment 103104105 106107108109 obligation under this Contract (whether obligation under this Contract (whether or not then due) by the other party ("Y") (including, without limitation, the occurrence of a material change in the creditworthiness of Y), X may demand Adequate Assurance of Performance. "Adequate Assurance of Performance" shall mean sufficient security in the form, amount and for the term reasonably specified by 110 X, including, but not limited to, a standby irrevocable letter of credit<sup>111</sup>, a prepayment, a security interest in an asset acceptable to X or a performance bond or guarantee by a creditworthy entity 112113 114

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>97</sup> AIG [8b] notices sent by facsimile should be deemed received on the date that transmission is received by a responsible employee of the recipient in legible form.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>98</sup> AIG: [8a] replace "five business days after mailing" with "upon actual receipt"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>99</sup> NiSource: [6] This section as drafted shows a bent toward contracting from the Seller's point of view, noticeable in several other areas as well. In particular, only a party with reasonable grounds for insecurity regarding "performance of a payment obligation" may move or adequate assurances. For the LDC purchaser of gas, the key performance issue is the delivery of needed gas volumes.

<sup>100</sup> WG: [4] Financial Responsibility. The existing language in Section 10 is adequate to cover short-term transactions. The expansion of this area, in particular the paragraphs dealing with Forward Contract Damages, is not necessary for short-term transactions. WG supports keeping the language in this Section 10 as it exists in the current GISB contract.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>101</sup> AIG: [11] insert "Notwithstanding Section 3.2,"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>102</sup> ECNGC: What constitutes reasonable grounds?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>103</sup> ECNGC: [2] Provision focuses only on payment obligation. Provision ignores that the creditworthiness of Seller is important to Buyer. Proposes Party A's insecurity concerning the effect of Party B's credit on Party B's ability to perform any material obligation . .

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>104</sup> SRP: [1] strike "payment"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>105</sup> Peoples: [pg2,15a] replace "payment" with "material"

<sup>106</sup> ConEd: Revise section to give a party the right to request adequate assurance of performance if the party has "reasonable grounds for insecurity regarding performance" by the other party

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>107</sup> Yankee: suggest first sentence to read "has reasonable grounds for insecurity regarding the performance OR any payment obligation

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>108</sup> AIG: [11] delete the word "payment"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>109</sup> APS: delete "payment"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>110</sup> Peoples: [pg2, 15b] replace "specified by" with "acceptable to"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>111</sup> APS: insert "from a bank or institution acceptable to X"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>112</sup> ECNGC: What is creditworthy entity?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>113</sup> APS: insert "acceptable to X"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>114</sup> Duke: Add the following as Section 10.1.1:, "If at any time and from time to time during the term of this Contract (and notwithstanding whether an Event of Default has occurred or is continuing) the Net Settlement Amount (without giving effect to any rights which allows for set-off of obligations not arising from this Contract) which would be owed by a Party (the "Non-Exposed Party") to the other Party (the "Exposed Party") exceeds such Non-Exposed Party's Collateral Threshold then the Non-Exposed Party shall be required to transfer Collateral within two (2) Business Days following receipt of a request by the Exposed Party in an amount equal to the positive difference between the Net Settlement Amount owed to the Exposed Party and the applicable Collateral Threshold (rounding upwards for any fractional amount to the next \$100,000). Upon receipt of the Collateral (defined below), the Exposed Party shall be deemed the "Secured Party." If the Secured Party

- 10.2. In the event (each an "Event of Default") either party (the "Defaulting Party") or its guarantor shall: (i) make an assignment or any general arrangement for the benefit of creditors; (ii) file a petition or otherwise commence, authorize, or acquiesce in the commencement of a proceeding or case under any bankruptcy or similar law for the protection of creditors or have such petition filed or proceeding commenced against it 115; (iii) otherwise become bankrupt or insolvent (however evidenced); (iv) be unable to pay its debts as they fall due; (v) have a receiver, provisional liquidator, conservator, custodian, trustee or other similar official appointed with respect to it or substantially all of its assets; (vi) fail to perform any obligation to the other party with respect to any Credit Support Obligations relating to the Contract 116; (vii) fail to give Adequate Assurance of Performance under Section 10.1 within 48 hours but at least one Business Day of a reasonable 117 written request by the other party 118; or (viii) not have paid any amount due the other party hereunder on or before the second Business Day following written notice that such payment is due 119; then the other party (the "Non-Defaulting Party") shall have the right, at its sole election, to immediately withhold and/or suspend deliveries or payments and/or to terminate and liquidate the Contract 120121, in the manner provided in Section 10.3, without prior notice 122123, in addition to any and all other remedies available hereunder.
- 10.3. If an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Non-Defaulting Party shall have the right, by notice to the Defaulting Party<sup>124</sup>, to designate a day, no earlier than the day such notice is given and no later than 20 days after such notice is given, as an early termination date (the "Early Termination Date") for the liquidation and termination pursuant to Section 10.3.1 of all transactions under the Contract, each a "Terminated Transaction". On the Early Termination Date, all transactions will terminate, other than those transactions, if any, that may not be liquidated and terminated under applicable law or that are, in the

should thereafter become under-secured, the Non-Exposed Party will be required to transfer additional Collateral. The amount of additional Collateral required by the Secured Party shall be rounded up to the nearest \$100,000. If the Secured Party becomes over-secured it shall promptly return any excess Collateral. The amount of Collateral to be returned shall be rounded down to the nearest \$100,000. Collateral shall mean: (a) cash payment by wire transfer to the Secured Party's account or (b) posting of an irrevocable letter of credit in a form and substance which is and remains acceptable to the Secured Party and issued by a bank acceptable to the Secured Party in its sole discretion. Interest on any cash held as Collateral will accrue at a rate per annum equal to the one-month London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) determined daily as provided under the heading "Money Rates" in The Wall Street Journal minus ½%. Such interest shall be calculated commencing on the date cash Collateral is received by the Secured Party but excluding the earlier of (i) the date such Collateral is returned to Non-Secured Party and (ii) the date such Collateral is applied to the Non-Secured Party obligations.

If at any time an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing with respect to a Party the Collateral Threshold for such party shall be \$0 notwithstanding the amounts indicated on the cover page. The obligations of the parties in this Section 10.1.1 shall constitute Credit Support Obligations.

Peoples: [pg2,16] add, "or any of its property and such petition or proceeding is not stayed or dismissed within sixty (60) days of the filing thereof"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>116</sup> Duke: Delete the phrase "with respect to any Credit Support Obligations."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>117</sup> APS: delete the word "reasonable"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>118</sup> Duke: Revise as follows: "fail to provide Collateral in accordance with Section 10.1."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>119</sup> SRP: [2] add the following language, "failure to perform any obligation under this Contract (except to the extent such failure constitutes a separate Event of Default under this Section 10.2 and except for such party's obligation to deliver or receive Gas, the exclusive remedy for which is provided in Section 3) if such failure is not remedied within ten (10) Business Days after a demand for corrective action."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>120</sup> Yankee: parties don't terminate and liquidate the Contract, but rather terminate and liquidate the Transactions under the Contract.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>121</sup> AIG: [10c] for clarification should read, "terminate and liquidate those outstanding Transactions entered into pursuant to the Contract"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>122</sup> BGE: Notice requirements in 10.2 and 10.3 appear to be inconsistent. Propose deleting "without prior notice" to eliminate inconsistency

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>123</sup> AIG: [10a] remove language "without prior notice"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>124</sup> AIG: [10b] insert language "except in the case of (i) to (iv) in Section 10.2 above, in which case no notice is required"

reasonable opinion of the Non-Defaulting Party, commercially impracticable to liquidate and terminate<sup>125</sup> ("Excluded Transactions"), which Excluded Transactions must be liquidated and terminated as soon thereafter as is reasonably practicable, and upon termination shall be a Terminated Transaction and be valued consistent with Section 10.3.1 below. With respect to each Excluded Transaction, its actual termination date shall be the Early Termination Date<sup>126</sup> for purposes of Section 10.3.1.

The parties have selected either "Forward Contract Damages<sup>127</sup> Apply" or "Forward Contract Damages<sup>128</sup> Do Not Apply" as indicated on the Base Contract.

# Forward Contract Damages<sup>129</sup> Apply<sup>130131</sup>:

10.3.1. As of the Early Termination Date, the Non-Defaulting Party shall determine, in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner, (i) the amount owed (whether or not then due) by each party with respect to all Gas delivered and received between the parties under Terminated Transactions and Excluded Transactions on and before the Early Termination Date and all other applicable charges relating to such deliveries and receipts (including without limitation any amounts owed under Section 3.2), for which payment has not yet been made by the party that owes such payment under this Contract and (ii) the Market Value, as defined below, of each Terminated Transaction. The Non-Defaulting Party shall (x) liquidate and accelerate each Terminated Transaction at its Market Value, so that each amount equal to the difference between such Market Value and the Contract Value, as defined below, of such Terminated Transaction(s) shall be due to the Buyer under the Terminated Transaction(s) if such Market Value exceeds the Contract Value and to the Seller if the opposite is the case 133; and (y) where appropriate, discount each amount then due under clause (x) above to present value in a commercially reasonable manner as of the Early Termination Date (to take account of the period between the date of liquidation and the date on which such amount would have otherwise been due pursuant to the relevant Terminated Transactions) 134.

For purposes of this Section 10.3.1, "Contract Value" means the amount of Gas remaining to be delivered or purchased under a transaction multiplied by the Contract Price, and "Market Value" means the amount of Gas remaining to be delivered or purchased under a transaction multiplied by the market price for a similar transaction at the Delivery Point determined by the Non-Defaulting Party in a commercially reasonable manner. To ascertain the Market Value, the Non-Defaulting Party may consider, among other valuations, any or all of the settlement prices of NYMEX Gas futures contracts, quotations from leading dealers in energy swap contracts or physical gas trading markets, similar sales or purchases and any other bona fide third-party offers, all adjusted for the length of the term and differences in transportation costs. A party shall not be

Yankee: generally don't like the language that allows the non-defaulting party to determine the commercial impracticability to liquidate and terminate – if left in, perhaps it could be limited by adding at the end "but no longer than 10 days"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>126</sup> AIG: [12] put quotes around Early Termination Date

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>127</sup> SRP: [4] Replace "Forward Contract Damages" with "liquidated damages" or "actual damages"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>128</sup> SRP: [4] Replace "Forward Contract Damages" with "liquidated damages" or "actual damages"

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>130</sup> Sempra: [4] Believes this provision would be strengthened if it provided that all Transactions entered into by the parties will be deemed to be one integrated contract

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>131</sup> AIG: [3] Believes this provision would be strengthened if it provided that all Transactions entered into by the parties will be deemed to be one integrated contract

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>132</sup> AIG: [13] suggest "liquidate and terminate" is more appropriate than liquidate and accelerate

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>133</sup> APS: assuming the Buyer and Seller described herein is the Non-Defaulting Party

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>134</sup> APS: add: "If the total amounts due to the Non-Defaulting Party are negative, then no monies are due either Party."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>135</sup> J Aron: Delete "and options to extend"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>136</sup> AIG: [14] concur w/J.Aron's point regarding options

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>137</sup> J Aron: Add following, "For the avoidance of doubt, any option pursuant to which one party has the right to extend the term of a transaction shall be considered in determining Contract Values and Market Values".

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>138</sup> AIG: [14] concur w/J.Aron's point regarding options

required to enter into a replacement transaction(s) in order to determine the Market Value. Any extension(s) of the term of a transaction to which parties are not bound as of the Early Termination Date (including but not limited to "Evergreen" Provisions and options to extend 135136) shall not be considered in determining Contract Values and Market Values. 137138 The rate of interest used in calculating net present value shall be determined by the Non-Defaulting Party in a commercially reasonable manner.

# Forward Contract Damages<sup>139</sup> Do Not Apply: 140

10.3.1. As of the Early Termination Date, the Non-Defaulting Party shall determine, in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner, the amount owed (whether or not then due) by each party with respect to all Gas delivered and received between the parties under Terminated Transactions and Excluded Transactions on and before the Early Termination Date and all other applicable charges relating to such deliveries and receipts (including without limitation any amounts owed under Section 3.2), for which payment has not yet been made by the party that owes such payment under this Contract.

The parties have selected either "Other Agreement Setoffs Apply" or "Other Agreement Setoffs Do Not Apply" as indicated on the Base Contract.

## Other Agreement Setoffs Apply:

10.3.2. The Non-Defaulting Party shall net or aggregate, as appropriate, any and all amounts owing between the parties under Section 10.3.1, so that all such amounts are netted or aggregated to a single liquidated amount payable by one party to the other (the "Net Settlement Amount"). At its sole option and without prior notice to the Defaulting Party, the Non-Defaulting Party may setoff (i) any Net Settlement Amount owed to the Non-Defaulting Party against any margin or other collateral held by it in connection with any Credit Support Obligation relating to the Contract or (ii) 141142 any Net Settlement Amount payable to the Defaulting Party against any amount(s) payable by the Defaulting Party to the Non-Defaulting Party under any other agreement or arrangement between the parties.

## Other Agreement Setoffs Do Not Apply:

- 10.3.2. The Non-Defaulting Party shall net or aggregate, as appropriate, any and all amounts owing between the parties under Section 10.3.1, so that all such amounts are netted or aggregated to a single liquidated amount payable by one party to the other (the "Net Settlement Amount"). At its sole option and without prior notice to the Defaulting Party, the Non-Defaulting Party may setoff any Net Settlement Amount owed to the Non-Defaulting Party against any margin or other collateral held by it in connection with any Credit Support Obligation relating to the Contract.
- 10.3.3. If any obligation that is to be included in any netting, aggregation or setoff pursuant to Section 10.3.2 is unascertained, the Non-Defaulting Party may in good faith estimate that obligation and net, aggregate or setoff, as applicable, in respect of the estimate, subject to the Non-Defaulting Party accounting to the Defaulting Party when the obligation is ascertained. Any amount not then due which is included in any netting, aggregation or setoff pursuant to Section 10.3.2 shall be discounted to net present value in a commercially reasonable manner determined by the Non-Defaulting Party.
- 10.4. <sup>143</sup>As soon as practicable after a liquidation, notice shall be given by the Non-Defaulting Party to the Defaulting Party of the Net Settlement Amount, and whether the Net Settlement Amount is due to or due from the Non-Defaulting Party. The notice shall include a written statement explaining in reasonable detail the calculation of such amount, provided that failure to give such notice shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the liquidation or give rise to any claim by the Defaulting Party against the Non-Defaulting Party. The Net

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>139</sup> SRP: [4] Replace "Forward Contract Damages" with "liquidated damages" or "actual damages"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>140</sup> AIG: [9] should be no option for "Forward Contract Damages Do Not Apply"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>141</sup> J Aron: Delete 10.3.2(ii) and replace with "any Net Settlement Amount owed to the Defaulting Party against any margin or other collateral held by the Defaulting Party in connection with any Credit Support Obligations relating to the Contract,"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>142</sup> AIG: [15] Concure w/J.Aron's point regarding language to allow for the set-off of margin against any Net Settlement Amount

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>143</sup> AIG: [16] provision should be made for payment of default interest on the Net Settlement Amount if not timely paid, as well as payment of expenses and legal fees incurred by the party seeking to enforce payment of the Net Settlement Amount.

Settlement amount shall be paid by the close of business on the second (2nd) Business Day following such notice, which date shall not be earlier than the Early Termination Date.

- 10.5. <sup>144</sup>The parties agree that each transaction terminated and liquidated under Section 10.3 shall constitute a "forward contract" within the meaning of the United States Bankruptcy Code and that Buyer and Seller are each "forward contract merchants" within the meaning of the United States Bankruptcy Code.
- 10.6. The Non-Defaulting Party's remedies under this Section 10 are the sole and exclusive remedies of the Non-Defaulting Party with respect to the occurrence of any Early Termination Date. Each party reserves to itself all other rights, setoffs, counterclaims and other defenses that it is or may be entitled to arising from the Contract.

10.7.

## SECTION 11. FORCE MAJEURE 146

- 11.1. Except with regard to a party's obligation to make payment(s) due under Section 7 and Imbalance Charges under Section 4, neither party shall be liable to the other for failure to perform a Firm obligation, to the extent such failure was caused by Force Majeure. The term "Force Majeure" as employed herein means any cause not reasonably within the control of the party claiming suspension, as further defined in Section 11.2<sup>147</sup>.
- 11.2. <sup>148</sup>Force Majeure shall include, but not be limited to, the following: (i) physical events such as acts of God, landslides, lightning, earthquakes, fires, storms or storm warnings, such as hurricanes<sup>149</sup>, which result in evacuation of the affected area, floods, washouts, explosions, breakage or accident or necessity of repairs to machinery or equipment or lines of pipe<sup>150</sup>; (ii) weather related events affecting an entire geographic region, such as low temperatures which cause freezing<sup>151</sup> or failure of wells or lines of pipe; (iii) interruption of firm transportation and/or storage by Transporters; (iv) acts of others such as strikes, lockouts or other industrial disturbances, riots, sabotage, insurrections or wars; and (v) governmental actions such as necessity for compliance with any court order, law, statute, ordinance, or regulation promulgated by a governmental authority having jurisdiction. Seller and Buyer shall make reasonable efforts to avoid the adverse impacts of a Force Majeure and to resolve the event or occurrence once it has occurred in order to resume performance.
- 11.3. Neither party shall be entitled to the benefit of the provisions of Force Majeure to the extent performance is affected by any or all of the following circumstances: (i) the curtailment of interruptible or secondary firm transportation unless primary, in-path, firm transportation is also curtailed; (ii) the party claiming excuse failed to remedy the condition and to resume the performance of such covenants or obligations with reasonable dispatch; or of 152 (iii) economic hardship 153, to include, without limitation, Seller's ability to sell Gas at a higher or more advantageous price than the Contract Price, Buyer's ability to purchase Gas at a lower or more

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>144</sup> AP<u>S</u>: Change to read as follows: "The parties agree that the transactions hereunder constitute a "forward contract" within the meaning of the United States Bankruptcy Code and that Buyer and Seller are each "forward contract merchants" within the meaning of the United States Bankruptcy Code."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>145</sup> SDGE / SoCal: [10] With respect to this Section 10, if the parties have executed a separate netting agreement with close-out netting provisions, the terms and conditions therein shall prevail to the extent inconsistent herewith.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>146</sup> KeySpan: [3b] propose check off box where parties can indicate whether they agree to GISB or to individually crafted language

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>147</sup> Peoples: [pg2, 17] delete "Section 11.2" and replace with "Sections 11.2 and 11.3"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>148</sup> NiSource: [7] Force Majeure is defined specifically to include regional weather events and to exclude events of economic hardship including regulatory situations that are negotiable issues, particularly for long-term contracts. Such specific references should be removed from the standard contract or it will not be readily usable for utilities.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>149</sup> KeySpan: [3a] exclude hurricanes and freeze-offs as force majeure events under long term contract

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>150</sup> AIG: [17] language in Section 11.2 (i) is too broad and that the words "or necessity of repairs to machinery or equipment or lines of pipe" should be removed.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>151</sup> KeySpan: [3a] exclude hurricanes and freeze-offs as force majeure events under long term contract

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>152</sup> AIG: [18a] delete "or"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>153</sup> ConEd: LDCs typically include the items in (iii) in long term agreements that excuse non-performance or give rise to a right to terminate

advantageous price than the Contract Price, or a regulatory agency disallowing<sup>154</sup>, in whole or in part, the pass through of costs resulting from this Agreement<sup>155</sup>; (iv) the loss of Buyer's market(s) or Buyer's inability to use or resell Gas purchased hereunder, except, in either case, as provided in Section 11.2; or<sup>156</sup> (v) the loss or failure of Seller's gas supply or depletion of reserves, except, in either case, as provided in Section 11.2<sup>157158</sup>. The party claiming Force Majeure shall not be excused from its responsibility for Imbalance Charges<sup>159160</sup>.

- 11.4. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the parties agree that the settlement of strikes, lockouts or other industrial disturbances shall be within the sole discretion of the party experiencing such disturbance.
- 11.5. The party whose performance is prevented by Force Majeure must provide notice to the other party. Initial notice may be given orally; however, written notice with reasonably full particulars of the event or occurrence is required as soon as reasonably possible. Upon providing written notice of Force Majeure to the other party, the affected party will be relieved of its obligation, from the onset of the Force Majeure event, to make or accept delivery of Gas, as applicable, to the extent and for the duration of Force Majeure, and neither party shall be deemed to have failed in such obligations to the other during such occurrence or event.

## **SECTION 12. TERM**

This Contract may be terminated on 30 days' written notice, but shall remain in effect until the expiration of the latest Delivery Period of any transaction(s). The rights of either party pursuant to Section 7.5<sup>161</sup>, the obligations to make payment hereunder, and the obligation of either party to indemnify the other, pursuant hereto shall survive the termination of the Base Contract or any transaction.

## **SECTION 13. LIMITATIONS**

FOR BREACH OF ANY PROVISION FOR WHICH AN EXPRESS REMEDY OR MEASURE OF DAMAGES IS PROVIDED, SUCH EXPRESS REMEDY OR MEASURE OF DAMAGES SHALL BE THE SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE REMEDY. A PARTY'S LIABILITY HEREUNDER SHALL BE LIMITED AS SET FORTH IN SUCH PROVISION, AND ALL OTHER REMEDIES OR DAMAGES AT LAW OR IN EQUITY ARE WAIVED. IF NO REMEDY OR MEASURE OF DAMAGES IS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED HEREIN OR IN A TRANSACTION, A PARTY'S LIABILITY SHALL BE LIMITED TO DIRECT ACTUAL DAMAGES ONLY. SUCH DIRECT ACTUAL DAMAGES SHALL BE THE SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE REMEDY, AND ALL OTHER REMEDIES OR DAMAGES AT LAW OR IN EQUITY ARE WAIVED. UNLESS EXPRESSLY HEREIN PROVIDED, NEITHER PARTY SHALL BE LIABLE FOR CONSEQUENTIAL, INCIDENTAL, PUNITIVE, EXEMPLARY OR INDIRECT DAMAGES, LOST PROFITS OR OTHER BUSINESS INTERRUPTION DAMAGES, BY STATUTE, IN TORT OR CONTRACT, UNDER ANY INDEMNITY PROVISION OR OTHERWISE. IT IS THE INTENT OF THE PARTIES THAT THE LIMITATIONS HEREIN IMPOSED ON REMEDIES AND THE MEASURE OF DAMAGES BE WITHOUT REGARD TO THE CAUSE OR CAUSES RELATED THERETO, INCLUDING THE NEGLIGENCE OF ANY PARTY, WHETHER SUCH NEGLIGENCE BE SOLE, JOINT OR CONCURRENT, OR ACTIVE OR PASSIVE. TO THE EXTENT ANY DAMAGES REQUIRED TO BE PAID HEREUNDER ARE LIQUIDATED. THE PARTIES ACKNOWLEDGE THAT

Yankee: regulatory disallowance should not be included as a specific example of a non-force majeure event

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>155</sup> Duke: Please provide clarification as to the intent of the wording "...or a regulatory agency disallowing, in whole or in part, the pass through of costs resulting from this Agreement."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>156</sup> AIG: [18b] delete "or"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>157</sup> AIG: [18c] add ", as provided in Section 11.2; (vi) a State's controlling or rationing production; (vii) increases or decreases in natural gas supply due to allocation or reallocation of production by well operators, pipelines or other parties; or (viii) any failure of a supplier or purchaser to perform, for reasons other than set forth in Section 11.2."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>158</sup> SDGE / SoCal: [11] "or (vi) a State's controlling or rationing production."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>159</sup> Duke: Add "or Demand Charges" at the end of the second sentence.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>160</sup> Duke: Add the following sentence at the end of this section: "Force Majeure, however, shall not excuse the payment of financial obligations, such as those incurred in liquidating hedge positions undertaken by a Party in reliance upon a trigger price, fixed price, or other price risk management option exercised by the other Party, who shall be liable for any losses incurred in such liquidation."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>161</sup> SDGE / SoCal: [12] add "Section 10.3.2"

THE DAMAGES ARE DIFFICULT OR IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE, OR OTHERWISE OBTAINING AN ADEQUATE REMEDY IS INCONVENIENT AND THE DAMAGES CALCULATED HEREUNDER CONSTITUTE A REASONABLE APPROXIMATION OF THE HARM OR LOSS.

SECTION 14. Dispute Resolution 162163

## **SECTION 14. SECTION 15. MISCELLANEOUS**

44.1.15.1. This Contract shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the successors, assigns, personal representatives, and heirs of the respective parties hereto, and the covenants, conditions, rights and obligations of this Contract shall run for the full term of this Contract. No assignment of this Contract, in whole or in part, will be made without the prior written consent of the non-assigning party (and shall not relieve the assigning party from liability hereunder<sup>164165</sup>), which consent will not be unreasonably withheld or delayed; provided, either party may (i) transfer, sell, pledge, encumber, or assign this Contract or the accounts, revenues, or proceeds hereof in connection with any financing or other financial arrangements<sup>166</sup>, or (ii) transfer its interest to any parent or affiliate by assignment, merger or otherwise without the prior approval of the other party<sup>167168</sup>. Upon any transfer and assumption, the transferor shall not be relieved of or discharged from any obligations hereunder<sup>169</sup>.

14.2.15.2. If any provision in this Contract is determined to be invalid, void or unenforceable by any court having jurisdiction, such determination shall not invalidate, void, or make unenforceable any other provision, agreement or covenant of this Contract.<sup>170</sup>

14.3.15.3. No waiver of any breach of this Contract shall be held to be a waiver of any other or subsequent breach.

14.4.15.4. This Contract sets forth all understandings between the parties respecting each transaction subject hereto, and any prior contracts, understandings and representations, whether oral or written, relating to such transactions are merged into and superseded by this Contract and any effective transaction(s). This Contract may be amended only by a writing executed by both parties 171172.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>162</sup> ECNGC: [3] Proposes Dispute Resolution, preferably "baseball"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>163</sup> NiSource: [4] The contract lacks important dispute resolution language. NiSource suggests at a minimum a procedure requiring that the aggrieved party promptly notify the other party and, if the parties fail to resolve the dispute within 10 Business Days, then appointed officers of the two parties meet to resolve the dispute.

Peoples: [pg2,18] delete the language in the parenthetical

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>165</sup> ConEd: The parenthetical is misplaced or unnecessary.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>166</sup> Duke: At the end of 14.1(i), add "as long as such entity has a credit status which, in the non-assigning Party's sole opinion, is at least as high as that of the assignor."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>167</sup> J Aron: Add the following, "provide, however, that (a) such transfer or assignment is to an entity whose credit worthiness is equal to or better than that of the transferee party immediately preceding the transfer and (b) such transfer has no adverse tax consequences to the non-transferring party."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>168</sup> WG: [5] Additional language needs to be added to this section to ensure that a contract is not assigned to a parent or affiliate whose creditworthiness is lower than the original party's. With credit issues becoming more and more important in the natural gas industry, it is imperative that this added protection be incorporated in the contract.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>169</sup> AIG: [19] concur with J.Aron that Section 14.1 be reworked. We believe, however, that no party should be able to assign its rights without the prior written consent of the other party.

Peoples: [pg3,19] add sentence, "Neither party shall be held in default for failure to perform under this Base Contract or the Contract, if such failure is due to compliance with such rules, regulations, laws, orders or directives of any Federal, State or local governmental regulatory authority."

Peoples: [pg3, 20] add, "and no course of dealing or course of performance between the parties shall be construed to alter the terms hereof, except as stated in this Base Contract or the Contract.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>172</sup> SDGE/SoCal: [14] All Gas purchase and sale transactions in effect on the date hereof, and all Gas purchase and sale transactions entered into between the parties on or after the date hereof shall be governed by this Contract.

14.5.15.5. The interpretation and performance of this Contract shall be governed by the laws of the jurisdiction as indicated on the Base Contract, excluding, however, any conflict of laws rule which would apply the law of another jurisdiction.

14.6.15.6. This Contract and all provisions herein will be subject to all applicable and valid statutes, rules, orders and regulations of any governmental authority having jurisdiction over the parties, their facilities, or Gas supply, this Contract or transaction or any provisions thereof.

14.7.15.7. There is no third party beneficiary to this Contract.

44.8.15.8. Each party to this Contract represents and warrants that it has full and complete authority to enter into and perform this Contract. Each person who executes this Contract on behalf of either party represents and warrants that it has full and complete authority to do so and that such party will be bound thereby.

14.9.15.9. The headings and subheadings contained in this Contract are used solely for convenience and do not constitute a part of this Contract between the parties and shall not be used to construe or interpret the provisions of this Contract.

44.10.15.10. <sup>173</sup>Unless the parties have elected on the Base Contract not to make this Section 14.10 applicable to this Contract, neither party shall disclose without the prior consent of the other party the terms of any transaction to a third party (other than the employees, lenders, royalty owners, counsel, or accountants of the party and its affiliates or <sup>174</sup> prospective purchasers, directly or indirectly, of a party of all or substantially all of a party's assets or of any rights under this Contract, provided such persons shall have agreed to keep such terms confidential) except (i) in order to comply with any applicable law, order, regulation, or exchange rule, (ii) to the extent necessary for the enforcement of this contract <sup>175</sup>, (iii) to the extent necessary to implement any transaction, or (iv) to the extent such information is delivered to such third party for the sole purpose of calculating a published index. Each party shall notify the other party of any proceeding of which it is aware which may result in disclosure of the terms of any transaction (other than as permitted hereunder) and use reasonable efforts to prevent or limit the disclosure. The existence of this Contract is not subject to this confidentiality obligation. Subject to Section 13, the parties shall be entitled to all remedies available at law or in equity to enforce, or seek relief in connection with this confidentiality obligation. The terms of any transaction hereunder shall be kept confidential by the parties hereto for one year from the expiration of the transaction.

In the event that disclosure is required by a governmental body or applicable law, the party subject to such requirement may disclose the material terms of this Contract to the extent so required, but shall promptly notify the other party, prior to disclosure, and shall cooperate (consistent with the disclosing party's legal obligations) with the other party's efforts to obtain protective orders or similar restraints with respect to such disclosure at the expense of the other party.

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<sup>173</sup> WG: [7] supports the addition of the confidentiality option. However, WG does not support disclosure to an affiliate and would suggest the reference to an affiliate be deleted

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>174</sup> Peoples: [pg3,21] delete the words, "its affiliates or"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>175</sup> Duke: replace with "Contract"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>176</sup> Peoples: [pg3,22] new section, "This Base Contract was prepared jointly by Seller and Buyer, and, in the event of doubt or ambiguity in the language of any of their provisions, shall be construed with equal strength in favor of both parties."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>177</sup> AIG: [20] "14.11 Each Party waives its respective right to any jury trial with respect to any litigation arising under or in connection with this Agreement or any transaction.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>178</sup> AIG: [21] "14.12: If Buyer at any time exceeds the delivery credit line then in effect as from time to time established by Seller, Seller may, not later than the second Business Day before the last day on which Gas deliveries for that delivery month or Delivery Period, as applicable, can be nominated on Seller's Transporter (the "Last Nomination Day"), require Buyer, to the extent of such excess, to make due on its Credit Support Obligations by (a) prepaying for that transaction, (b) by providing an irrevocable letter of credit in Seller's favor in a form and substance and having such terms and conditions as Seller shall reasonably specify, issued by a major bank which is and remains acceptable to Seller; such prepayment will be made to, or such letter of credit received by, Seller within two Business Days after Seller's request (but no later than the Business Day

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before the relevant Last Nomination Day), or (c) providing Seller with other collateral in an amount acceptable to Seller in its sole discretion. In the event a letter of credit is provided, all charges at Buyer's bank relating to any letter of credit are for Buyer's account."

<sup>179</sup> SDGE/SoCal: [13] Add the following new Sections:

- (a) add a Section 14.12 to the Base Contract with a box to check if the Federal Acquisition Regulations are applicable.
- (b) add the following to Section 14.12:

If the parties have indicated on the Base Contract that the Federal Acquisition Regulations are applicable, then each party hereby confirms that it shall comply with all applicable requirements set forth in the Federal Acquisition Regulations (or any successor thereto) in effect on the date of this Agreement, including but not limited to the following: 48 C.F.R. Part 52 et seq: Affirmative Action for Workers with Disabilities; Affirmative Action Compliance; Prohibition of Segregated Facilities; Affirmative Action for Disabled Veterans and Veterans of the Vietnam Era; Utilization of Small Business Concerns; Equal Opportunity; Affirmative Action Programs; Small, Small Disadvantaged and Women-Owned Small Business Subcontracting Plan and any applicable sections contained in 41 C.F.R. Chapter 60. The terms and conditions thereof shall be controlling over any conflicting terms and conditions set forth in this Contract or any written Amendment hereto.

- Canadian Addendum, Cover Sheet In Section 14.5, create a default Choice of Law to Alberta.
- Canadian Addendum, Section 6.3.1 Please include a statement as to what would happen if Seller does not agree to treat the Gas as zero-rated.
- Canadian Addendum, Section 6.3.2 It is not expressly stated whether it is mandatory for Seller to treat the Gas as zero-rated. If Seller is allowed to use its sole discretion in this matter, this should be clarified.
- Canadian Addendum, Section 7.3 Delete The Toronto Dominion Bank and insert Bank of Canada in its place.
- Canadian Addendum, Section 7.3 In item (i), add "Canadian dollar" prior to "commercial loans."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>180</sup> PCES: [4] Recommendation to change Frequently Ask Questions

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>181</sup> Sempra: [5] Standard addendum governing margins

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>182</sup> Duke: Canadian Addendum, Cover Sheet – In Section 10.4, change the termination currency default to Canadian dollars (rather than U.S. dollars).

Letterhead/Logo		Date: Transaction Confire	mation #:
This Transaction Confirmation is subject to the Base terms of this Transaction Confirmation are binding us specified in the Base Contract.	Contract between Senless disputed in writing	ller and Buyer dated g within 2 Business Da	ys of receipt <sup>184</sup> unless otherwise
SELLER:	BUYER:		
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Delivery Point(s):(If a pooling point is used, list a specific geographic a	and pipeline location):		
Special Conditions:			
Seller:	Buyer: _		
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- Credit is a major issue facing the natural gas industry today. Paragraph 2.10 contains the definition for credit support obligation. Within the definition there are various credit instruments identified. It would be helpful to have a place designated on the Transaction Confirmation sheet to identify whether or not credit assurance is required and if so what type of credit instrument is backing the transaction. This could be a check-off box and a fill in the blank.
- In addition, the Transaction Confirmation # should be tied to the base contract number. Each party to the base contract can assign its own unique number to the contract. Therefore, the Transaction Confirmation Number should relate to the contract number and have a space for each party's identification number

 $<sup>^{183}</sup>$  WG: Several revisions are requested to the Transaction Confirmation sheet as presented as Exhibit A to the contract.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>184</sup> Peoples: [pg3,23] delete, "within 2 Business Days of receipt" and replace with, "by the Confirm Deadline"

Date:	Date: