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Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Commonwealth Keystone Building 400 North Street, Filing Room Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement v. Sunoco Pipeline L.P. Docket Number C-2018-3006534; **Sunoco Pipeline L.P.** 

Written Statement Indicating Acceptance of Modification to the Joint Petition for Settlement

## Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Pursuant to Ordering Paragraph 5 of the Commission's Order and Opinion entered August 19, 2020 in this proceeding (August 19, 2020 Order), Sunoco Pipeline L.P. (SPLP) files this Written Statement indicating its acceptance of the Commission's modifications of the Joint Petition for Settlement between SPLP and the Commission's Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement (BI&E) (Joint Petition) filed August 28, 2018 as set forth in the August 19, 2020 Order.

SPLP had to carefully consider accepting the Commission's modifications to the Joint Petition which, as-filed, was clearly in the public interest without such modifications, and was carefully crafted and negotiated using the expertise of both BI&E and SPLP. In short, the prior first and second Tentative Orders' modifications raised a concern that can be viewed as contrary to the Commission's longstanding policy to "encourage settlement." 52 Pa. Code §5.231(a). It also caused delay in implementing the settlement originally filed in August 28, 2018 and will impact the incentive and decision to settle or not in future matters.

Despite these concerns, and in the spirit of moving forward the settlement to which BI&E and SPLP worked long and hard to develop, SPLP has decided to accept the terms and conditions of the third order as issued on August 19, 2020 regarding this Joint Petition.

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Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions concerning this filing.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Thomas J. Sniscak

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cc: Hon. Elizabeth H. Barnes, (pdf only via email to <a href="mailto:ebarnes@pa.gov">ebarnes@pa.gov</a>)
Per Certificate of Service

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the forgoing document upon the persons, listed below, in accordance with the requirements of § 1.54 (relating to service by a party) to the extent possible. This document has been filed electronically on the Commission's electronic filing system.

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