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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Continue Implementation and Administration of California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program.

Rulemaking 11-05-005
(Filed May 5, 2011)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING GRANTING MOTION OF
PLACER COUNTY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT FOR
PARTY STATUS**

Pursuant to Rules 1.4 and 11.1 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (Rules), on July 20, 2011 Placer County Air Pollution Control District (PCAPCD) moved to become a party. No responses have been received.

The Commission requires that a person seeking party status disclose certain information. (Rule 1.4(b).) PCAPCD says it is a special district created by state law to enforce local, state and federal air pollution regulations. PCAPCD explains that, along with other public and private partners, it is implementing projects that reduce hazardous and excess forest fuels (biomass) by processing those fuels into clean energy. This, according to PCAPCD, significantly improves air and watershed quality, protects soil productivity, and lowers fire suppression costs. PCAPCD reports that hazardous fuel treatment costs are significant, public funding is dropping, and that an alternative is to use these fuels to generate funds. PCAPCD concludes that it is in a unique position to comment on market price issues within this proceeding (as one of the public agencies, according to PCAPCD, specifically listed within the language of Pub.

Util. Code § 399.20), and that it has a unique perspective related to how small power generating facilities can mitigate emission impacts.

There is no known opposition to PCAPCD's motion. The motion should be granted.

IT IS RULED that the July 20, 2011 motion of Placer County Air Pollution Control District for party status is granted.

Dated August 5, 2011, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ BURTON W. MATTSON

Burton W. Mattson
Administrative Law Judge