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Pursuant to Rule 8.2, 8.3, and 8.5 of the California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) hereby gives notice of the following ex parte communication. The communication occurred for about an hour on Friday, May 4, 2012, at 11am at the CPUC. Lara Ettenson, Director of California Efficiency Policy initiated the oral communication with Michael Colvin, Advisor to Commissioner Ferron.

Ms. Ettenson discussed the recent modifications to the proposed decision providing guidance regarding program planning for 2013-2014. NRDC reiterated its support for the longer term vision of the proposed decision, but raised concerns that even with the recent modifications, the utilities, implementers, and local governments will have a difficult time complying with the proposed guidance while ensuring a cost-effective portfolio. NRDC's main concern is the likely elimination of needed efficiency programs that would reduce pollution and save customers money, since the proposed decision continues to greatly undervalue efficiency.

While Ms. Ettenson noted the potential opportunities in the proposed decision that might alleviate some of the pressure on cost-effectiveness, she also highlighted the remaining uncertainty around various sections of the proposed decision which could ultimately undermine the utilities' ability to produce applications that match the Commission's vision.

Dated: May 7, 2012
Respectfully submitted,



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Director, CA Energy Efficiency Policy