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Pursuant to Rule 8.2, 8.3 and 8.5 of the California Public Utilities Commission's (Commission or CPUC) Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) hereby gives notice of the following ex parte communication.

The communication between Ronnie Cohen, Staff Scientist at NRDC, Clyde Murley, consultant to NRDC, and Andrew Schwartz, Advisor to President Peevey, took place at the CPUC offices in San Francisco at approximately 2:30 PM on December 17, 2007. The communication was initiated by NRDC. The communication was both oral and written. The provided written materials were NRDC's December 5, 2007 and December 10, 2007 opening and reply comments, respectively, on the Commission's November 15, 2007 proposed decision in A.07-01-024 *et al* that were filed previously in these proceedings, and pp. A-11 through A-13 of the Amended Supplemental Testimony of Southern California Edison Company Supporting Application for Approval of

Embedded Energy Efficiency Water Pilot Programs for 2007-2008, dated July 11, 2007, in A.07-01-024 (attached).

Ms. Cohen provided brief background information on the water-energy efficiency issue in California and NRDC's involvement in this issue. She noted a 2004 NRDC study and a 2005 California Energy Commission report on the subject, and emphasized the importance of developing a cost effectiveness calculator capable of accounting not only for direct end use water and energy usage but also for both upstream and downstream water and energy usage.

Mr. Murley summarized NRDC's main comments on the proposed decision, explaining that while NRDC was generally quite pleased with the proposed decision, particularly the two foundational studies to be overseen by the Energy Division, it was recommending the following changes: that the Energy Division be directed to complete the further development of the Commission's water embedded energy calculator within the time frame of the rest of the pilot programs and studies; that the Commission create an advisory body, overseen by the Energy Division, to provide input on the various studies indicated for approval in the proposed decision and the further development of the water embedded energy calculator; that Appendix A of the proposed decision be used by the Energy Division, the applicant utilities, and the advisory group as a guide in the design and implementation of the overall pilot program activities; and that the ordering paragraphs be clarified to state that the Commission is committed to pursuing all cost-effective water-energy efficiency savings. Mr. Murley explained that the advisory body proposed by NRDC would be purely advisory in nature, with no decision making or approval authority; that NRDC believes that such an advisory body is generally consistent with the Commission's use of advisory bodies in other energy efficiency proceedings; and that it would be especially useful in a groundbreaking proceeding such as this one to take advantage of the multiple perspective that such an advisory group would provide. Mr. Murley noted that all parties in the proceeding had previously stipulated to the utilities' applications, which among other things proposed use of an advisory panel to provide substantial input on overall research design, specific issues to be addressed, and research methods.

To obtain a copy of this notice, please notify Shari Walker at (415) 875-6100 or via email at swalker@nrdc.org.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of the **"Notice of Ex Parte Communication" in the matter of A.07-01-024 et al.** to all known parties of record in this proceeding by delivering a copy via email or by mailing a copy properly addressed with first class postage prepaid.

Executed on December 20, 2007 at San Francisco, California.

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