

In accordance with the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the California Public Utilities Commission (“CPUC”), the Local Government Sustainable Energy Coalition¹ submits these comments on the Proposed Decision adopting the *Energy Efficiency Strategic Plan* (“Strategic Plan”). The LGSEC appreciates the opportunity to participate in the process of developing the Strategic Plan. The revised Strategic Plan attached to the Proposed Decision is even more comprehensive than the earlier drafts, and will serve as a good starting point for focusing State efforts. The CPUC should begin now, as the Plan anticipates, laying the framework for a neutral, statewide entity that will oversee and coordinate climate change activities, of which energy efficiency is an important component.

The LGSEC has only one suggested change to the Proposed Decision and revised Strategic Plan. In the local government section, Strategy 4-3 anticipates hiring three different statewide liaisons: one for energy efficiency, one for sustainability, and one for climate change. This implies that there will be multiple individuals conducting outreach to local governments on these topics. While the intent is good, the CPUC will best achieve its outreach and communication goals by consolidating the message into one liaison. From a practical standpoint, it will be challenging enough to get the attention of local governments, school boards, and special districts on one of these topics, let alone three. The CPUC and other state agencies must develop a comprehensive message that includes all three issue areas. The CPUC may need multiple individuals delivering the same message and assisting in program development and implementation of this comprehensive message, but it must have one strategy that addresses

¹ The Local Government Sustainable Energy Coalition includes: the Association of Bay Area Governments, the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, the County of Los Angeles, the County of Marin, the City of Santa Monica, the County of Ventura. Each of these organizations may have different views on elements of these comments, which were approved by the LGSEC’s Board.

energy efficiency, sustainability, and climate change. The LGSEC looks forward to working with the CPUC and other state agencies to implement this comprehensive strategy

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Jody London, certify that I have, on this date, served a copy of “Comments Of The Local Government Sustainable Energy Coalition On The Proposed Decision Adopting the Long-Term Energy Efficiency Strategic Plan” on all known parties to R.08-07-011/A.08-06-004 by transmitting an e-mail message with the document attached to each party named in the official service list, and by serving a hard copy on the Administrative Law Judge.

I declare under penalty of perjury, pursuant to the laws of the State of California, that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated September 8, 2008 in Oakland, California.



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