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CPUC COMMENTS ON PRESIDENT OBAMA’S CLEAN POWER PLAN

SAN FRANCISCO, August 3, 2015 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) today issued the following statement by its President, Michael Picker, regarding President Obama’s Clean Power Plan.

“This is an important issue for California because we want to reduce greenhouse gas, which is a global problem, not simply a California problem. California has made progress on cleaner power plants and we will reach our 2020 goal of providing 33 percent of our electricity from renewable energy. We also have a functioning cap-and-trade market that is helping to bring down costs of compliance with greenhouse gas rules. President Obama’s national approach to greenhouse gas reduction offers a further opportunity to save everyone money. For example, other states could make use of California’s cap-and-trade market as one of their tools to gain fast compliance at low cost. Multi-state plans may surface other options, as well. The CPUC looks forward to sharing the challenges with other state and federal agencies as we all work for better air quality as well as prosperity.”

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