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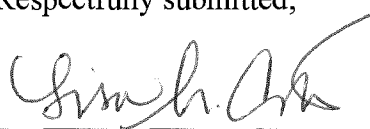
Pursuant to Rules 8.3 and 8.4 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the California Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”), GenOn California North, LLC (“GenOn”) provides this notice to report the following ex parte communication in the above-referenced proceeding.

On October 27, 2011, Sean Beatty, Director, West Regulatory Affairs for GenOn Energy, Inc., met with Damon Franz, advisor to President Peevey, at the Commission’s offices in San Francisco. Mr. Beatty requested the meeting. The meeting started at 1:30 p.m. and lasted approximately 45 minutes. During the meeting, Mr. Beatty described the time required to develop and construct a new natural gas-fired electric generating facility in California. Based on GenOn’s recent experience with the 760 megawatt natural gas-fired Marsh Landing Generating Station (“MLGS”), which is currently under construction, GenOn believes it will take seven to nine years to permit and construct new natural gas-fired generating facilities in California. On that basis, Mr. Beatty urged the Commission to complete the needs analysis addressed in the settlement agreement filed in this docket by the end of 2012 so as to preserve the opportunity for competitive procurement of new conventional generating capacity if it is deemed to be required to meet needs in 2020. Mr. Beatty also expressed GenOn’s opposition to the proposal that would limit contracts with facilities using once-through cooling to one year. A written document was used during the meeting and is attached to this notice.

To receive a copy of this ex parte notice, please contact Sallie Lopes at (415) 591-1466 or slopes@winston.com.

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Respectfully submitted,



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