# BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Continue Implementation and Administration of California Renewable Portfolio Standard Program.

Rulemaking 11-05-005 (Filed on May 5, 2011)

#### NOTICE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATION

#### [PUBLIC VERSION]

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Pursuant to Rule 8.3 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Division of Ratepayer Advocates (DRA) submits the following notice of ex parte communication regarding the above captioned proceeding (R.11-05-005).

On Monday, December 19, 2011 at 1:30 p.m., DRA representatives met with Michael Colvin and Sara Kamins, advisors to Commissioner Ferron to discuss R.11-05-005; specifically, the issue of pricing for the SB 32 Feed-in Tariff (FiT) as addressed in the October 13, 2011 Renewable FiT Staff Proposal (Staff Proposal). DRA's representatives at the meeting were Nika Rogers and Chloe Lukins. The meeting was held at the Commission's offices, located at 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California and lasted approximately 30 minutes. The communication was oral, and was initiated by DRA. DRA distributed written material during the communication, a copy of which is attached to this ex parte notice. Confidential portions of the attachment are redacted.

Ms. Rogers encouraged the Commission to adopt DRA's proposal for a SB 32 FiT price based on the Net Surplus Compensation (NSC) Rate. In addition, Ms. Rogers emphasized that the Staff Proposal's locational adder payment has not been properly vetted to demonstrate actual avoided transmission and distribution costs, and lacks a mechanism to verify and track these perceived costs.

Copies of this Notice may be obtained by contacting Sue Muniz at (415) 703-1858 or sam@cpuc.ca.gov.

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### Respectfully submitted,

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