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Pursuant to Rule 8.4 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, Noble Americas Energy Solutions LLC ("Noble Solutions") respectfully report of the following ex parte communications related to the above-captioned matter.

On February 22, 2011, Greg Bass, Director of Retail Commodity Supply Operations met separately with Matthew Tisdale, Policy Advisor to Commissioner Florio, and Damon Franz, Advisor to President Peevey, for approximately 30 minutes each. The meetings took place at the Commission's offices at 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA, starting at 10:30 am and concluding at 11:35 am.

The topics of discussion included a brief overview of Noble Solutions, formally known as Sempra Energy Solutions, and the renewable energy procurement activities undertaken by Noble Solutions to comply with the Commission's RPS program for compliance years 2010 through 2013. Further discussion included an issue related to certain renewable energy procurement contracts entered into by Noble Solutions. Additional discussion involved the need for the Commission to identify RPS product content category "waiver" qualifying situations up front so that RPS obligated entities have time to make additional RPS procurement decisions to meet the first compliance period RPS percentages. Also discussed was the need for the Commission to identify how the RPS product content category percentages will be applied to RPS procurement made subsequent to "waiver" qualifying RPS procurement in order to provide the necessary direction to RPS obligated entities on which product content category percentages would complete the 20% RPS obligation for the first compliance period. No written materials were provided by Noble Solutions.

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