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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.

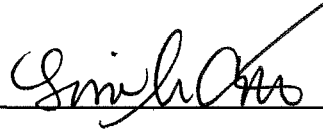
On March 15, 2012, Sean Beatty, Director, West Regulatory Affairs for GenOn Energy, Inc., met with Damon Franz, advisor to President Peevey, at the Commission’s offices in San Francisco. GenOn requested the meeting. The meeting started at 11:00 a.m. and lasted approximately 30 minutes. No written materials were used.

During the meeting, Mr. Beatty discussed the proposed decision (“PD”) issued on February 21, 2012. In particular, Mr. Beatty urged the Commission to modify the PD to incorporate the timeline identified in the settlement agreement on Track I issues, which calls for the Commission to issue a need determination by the end of 2012. A decision by the end of 2012 is necessary to accommodate the seven to nine year period it takes to develop new generation in today’s environment. Mr. Beatty also advocated for the elimination of the Tier 3 advice letter requirement for any contracts less than five years in duration with facilities relying on once-through cooling (“OTC”). He also explained that contracts with OTC units that extend beyond an applicable OTC compliance deadline should be allowed without triggering an advice letter approval process as long as the units will be in compliance with applicable OTC regulations on and after the deadline. Finally, Mr. Beatty urged the Commission to allow utilities to procure greenhouse gas allowances in amounts sufficient to cover contractual obligations with independent power producers.

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

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa A. Cottle", is written over a solid horizontal line.

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