

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 May 5, 2011)

**NOTICE OF
EX PARTE COMMUNICATION**

Pursuant to Rules 8.2(c), 8.3, and 8.5 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Division of Ratepayer Advocates (DRA) gives notice of the following oral *ex parte* communication, which occurred on June 18, 2012 from approximately 11:30 -11:45 a.m in the Commission's San Francisco office. DRA initiated the communication with Commissioner Mark Ferron's advisor Sara Kamins. Attending the meeting on behalf of DRA were Cheryl Cox, Yuliya Shmidt, and Diana Lee.

DRA explained that it supported the current proposed decision (PD) that would implement renewable portfolio standard (RPS) rules under the new 33% RPS program. In particular, DRA stated that it supports the PD's interpretation of the requirement that Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) be retired within 36 months from the initial date of the generation of the associated electricity. DRA stated that the 36-month time limit this will promote a stable market for RECs that will benefit the ratepayers' interest in achieving California's RPS at a reasonable cost.

DRA stated that it supported the PD's revision that would require utilities to continue submission of the Project Development Status Reports, which provide valuable information to stakeholders.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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