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Pursuant to Rule 8.4 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the California Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”), Tenaska Solar Ventures (“Tenaska”) hereby gives notice of the following ex parte communications.

On August 14, 2012, at approximately 10:30 a.m., Ms. Patricia Eckert, Consultant to Tenaska, and Mr. Laurence Chaset, Counsel to Tenaska, had an oral discussion with Mr. Scott Murtishaw, Energy Advisor to President Michael Peevey, to explain several points made in Tenaska’s Comments and Reply Comments that were previously submitted in this proceeding in response to the April 5, 2012 *Assigned Commissioner’s Ruling Identifying Issues and Schedule of Review for 2012 Renewable Portfolio Standard Procurement Plans Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Sections 399.11 et seq. and Requesting Comments on New Proposals* (“ACR”). The specific points addressed were: (1) the value to the Commission and to ratepayers for executed Large Generator Interconnection Agreements (“LGIAs”) to be the prime determinant in assessing the available capacity on a given transmission line; (2) proposed RPS projects that already have executed LGIAs and that do not require major system upgrades in order for their power output to be deliverable should not be assigned or imputed any system upgrade

costs associated with transmission that is either already in service or under construction; and (3) that participants in the 2012 RPS solicitation should have a completed Phase 1 Interconnection Study in order to be able to participate in that solicitation.

On August 14, 2012, at approximately 1:00 p.m., Mr. Laurence Chaset, Counsel to Tenaska, had this same discussion with Ms. Sara Kamins, Energy Advisor to Commissioner Mark J. Ferron.

On August 14, 2012, at approximately 2:00 p.m., Ms. Patricia Eckert, Consultant to Tenaska, and Mr. Laurence Chaset, Counsel to Tenaska, had this same discussion with Mr. Marcelo Poirier, Legal and Policy Advisor to Commissioner Michel P. Florio.

All three meetings were initiated by Mr. Laurence Chaset and took place at the California Public Utilities Commission, Headquarters, at 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102. Each conversation lasted approximately one hour and pertained to the issues as described above. No written materials, other than selected passages from the ACR itself, were presented at these meetings.

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