

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF
CALIFORNIA**

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

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

**NOTICE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATION
BY THE UNION OF CONCERNED SCIENTISTS**

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Pursuant to Rule 8.4 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Union of Concerned Scientists ("UCS") respectfully reports the following ex parte communication.

On January 24, 2013, Laura Wisland, Senior Energy Analyst, spoke with Sara Kamins, Energy Advisor to Commissioner Ferron, for approximately 1 hour. The meeting took place in person at the California Public Utilities Commission headquarters in San Francisco, beginning approximately at 2:00 pm. The meeting was initiated by Ms. Wisland.

The conversation focused on the Commission's Second Assigned Commissioner Ruling issuing procurement reform proposals for the RPS program. Discussion focused on UCS's opposition to the Commission's proposal to automatically reject RPS contracts that would exceed procurement "need" as calculated by a utility's Renewable Net Short to meet the 33% RPS. UCS stressed the importance of flexibility in the RPS program, the ability of utilities to voluntarily procure renewables, which is protected by statute, and how such a proposal could prevent voluntary procurement. UCS also discussed the importance of retaining the definition of "green attributes" which is currently included in RPS contracts as Standard Term and Condition 2.

Respectfully submitted,



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