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Pursuant to the May 10, 2013 *Assigned Commissioner's Ruling Identifying Issues and Schedule of Review for 2013 Renewables Portfolio Standard Procurement Plans Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Sections 399.11 et seq. and Requesting Comments on a New Proposal* ("Assigned Commissioner's Ruling"), the May 23, 2013 email from Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") DeAngelis granting the request for extension of time to file 2013 RPS Procurement Plans, and with permission of ALJ Simon to late-file¹, Praxair Plainfield, Inc. ("Plainfield") submits the following Renewables Portfolio Standard ("RPS") Procurement Plan. Plainfield's RPS procurement plan is abbreviated because, currently, Plainfield is not serving any retail load in California.

I. Background and Responses to Issues in Assigned Commissioner's Ruling

Plainfield is a registered electric service provider ("ESP") with the California Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") but has not served any retail electric load since December 10, 2008 when all its accounts voluntarily returned to utility bundled service. Plainfield complied with all RPS requirements applicable while it served retail loads. Because Plainfield has no plans to serve load in the near-term, Plainfield will not have a current RPS procurement obligation (and no corresponding procurement plan) and will not have any obligation unless and

¹ ALJ Simon granted permission to late-file this Plan by email on July 17, 2013.

until it resumes providing retail service. Accordingly, Plainfield cannot respond to the series of questions set out in the Assigned Commissioner's Ruling.

The specific questions and forecasts requested in the Assigned Commissioner's Ruling are inapplicable and cannot be provided at this time. Plainfield is neither developing any California RPS renewables resources nor contracting for California RPS renewable generation. In the future, if Plainfield resumes serving direct access loads, it will then be in a position to provide additional information regarding its procurement planning practices consistent with the RPS program in place at that time. Any future forecasts and additional details about Plainfield's specific RPS procurement planning outlook will be provided if and when Plainfield serves any load.

II. Request for Provisional Waiver of RPS Submission Requirements Submitted in Separate, Concurrent Motion

Plainfield last served direct access load in 2008, it currently serves no retail load, and it does not anticipate serving any retail load in the near future. Although Plainfield is continuing its ESP registration, without any customers or retail load Plainfield will have no RPS procurement obligation that necessitates compliance submissions or associated planning. For this reason, Plainfield respectfully requests via a separate, concurrent Motion, that it be provided a provisional waiver from future RPS compliance requirements² until such time that it resumes serving customer load in California, at which time Plainfield will provide the RPS procurement planning submission and other related requirements applicable to ESPs.

² This would include proposed annual "progress" and "compliance" filings for the 2011 and forward periods, as well as the submission of RPS plans. As an ESP, all of Plainfield's loads are contestable. Requiring these submissions when no customers are served would be an inefficient use of the Commission's and Plainfield's resources.

III. Conclusion

In accordance with the Assigned Commissioner's Ruling, Plainfield provides this RPS procurement plan. At this time, Plainfield is not serving direct access loads and has no RPS procurement obligation. In light of this status, Plainfield requests to be provisionally relieved of submitting RPS planning or other compliance materials until such time as Plainfield resumes serving retail load.

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Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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VERIFICATION

I am the attorney for Praxair Plainfield, Inc. ("Plainfield") and am authorized to make this verification on its behalf. Plainfield is absent from the County of Sacramento, California, where I have my office, and I make this verification for that reason. The statements in the foregoing document are true of my own knowledge, except as to matters which are therein stated on information and belief, and as to those matters I believe them to be true.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on July 17, 2013 at Sacramento, California.

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