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Subject: FW: Protest of Advice 3407-E

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From: [Redacted]
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To: Gatchalian, Honesto
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in protest of your proposed rate increases in Advise 3407-E (dated January 23, 2009). To even propose an 11.8% increase starting on March 1, 2009, after having already imposed an 8% increase just a few months ago in October 2008, is completely unreasonable.

We operate a Molded Fiber manufacturing facility in Red Bluff, employing 100 people from the local community. Just a few short years ago we had 230 employees, but have been forced to shutdown two of our three operations and relocate to other states because our costs were not competitive. The proposed action reinforces the message that California is not an industrial friendly state. Furthermore, you make it exceedingly difficult to conduct business in California and demonstrate an unwillingness to help struggling plants like ours survive in this economic environment.

We have taken very aggressive steps to remove costs and streamline operations, however, we can't keep pace with rate increases of this frequency and magnitude. We want to continue to operate in California, but need your support by reconsidering your decision regarding this latest price increase.

Kindly deny this rate increase.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

[Redacted]

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