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## SIERRA CLUB NOTICE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATION

Pursuant to Rule 8.4 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, Sierra Club gives notice of the following *ex parte* communications.

On April 2, 2014, at approximately 9:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 1:30 p.m., John Nimmons and Ron Binz, Counsel and Consultant for Sierra Club in R.13-09-011, respectively, and Suma Peesapati, Staff Attorney for Earthjustice, attended meetings with Audrey Lee, Advisor to Commission President Peevey; Rachel Peterson, Advisor to Commissioner Florio; and Julie Fitch, Chief of Staff, and Melicia Charles, Advisor to Commissioner Peterman. The meetings took place at the Commission's offices at 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102. Sierra Club initiated the meetings, which lasted for 30-45 minutes each. All communications were oral, and no written materials were delivered to participants at these meetings.

In the meetings, Sierra Club's representatives explained that the Club's principal interest in the Demand Response proceeding, R.13-09-011, is to lay a solid foundation for more, and more effective, demand response in California, whether through programs offered by the State's investor-owned utilities, or through CAISO markets, or through some combination of those. They expressed support for a deliberate, carefully-considered approach to bifurcation of demand response resources that will preserve and enhance existing programs which have proven effective, and will match resource characteristics with system needs going forward, based on evidence to be offered through testimony and possibly hearings. Sierra Club representatives also conveyed their belief that the Revised Proposed Decision adopted by the Commission on March 27, 2014 will help clarify uncertainties about the process to be followed in this rulemaking, and enable the parties to focus their ongoing efforts on the most constructive ways to structure and implement future demand response activities in the State.

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Respectfully submitted,

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