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June 4, 2008

The Honorable Christine Kehoe, Chair
Senate Energy, Utilities & Communications Committee
State Capitol, Room 4038
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 873 (Davis) – As proposed to be amended – SUPPORT
Status: Senate EU&C Hearing - June 17, 2008

Dear Senator Kehoe:

This letter is to update my March 14th letter that informed you that the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) voted unanimously to support AB 873, which would extend the minority-, women-, and disabled veteran-owned business enterprises procurement program to large water corporations, as well as encourage each electrical, gas, water, and telephone corporation that is not required to submit a plan to voluntarily adopt a plan for increasing women, minority, and disabled veteran business enterprise procurement in all categories.

The Commission supports the author's proposed amendments to 1) further define the affected water companies by the number of service connections, which mirrors the Commission's Class A category for large water corporations that have 10,000 or more connections; and 2) conform to the 2004 Memorandum of Intent whereby the six largest water corporations voluntarily implemented a Utility Supplier Diversity Program.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to call me at (916) 327-8441.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Pamela Loomis'.

PAMELA LOOMIS
Director

Enclosure

cc: The Hon. Mike Davis, Member, California State Assembly
Members, Senate Committee on Energy, Utilities and Communications
Wade Teasdale, Senate Republican Caucus
John Moffatt, Deputy Legislative Secretary, Office of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger