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Mr. Edward Howard  
California Public Utilities Commission  
Division of Strategic Planning  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102-3298

Dear Mr. Howard:

Thank you for providing the Department of Health Services' (DHS') Division of Drinking Water and Environmental Management the opportunity to comment on the Draft CPUC Water Action Plan, dated November 9, 2005.

DHS appreciates the proactive approach the CPUC has taken in the Draft Water Action Plan to resolving water quality issues. DHS offers the following comment on the DRAFT CPUC Water Action Plan.

Page 5, Item 5. "The Department of Health Services ~~now requires~~ requests Class A utilities to report on an annual basis which smaller utilities (i.e. Class B, C, & D) they might consider purchasing." DHS does not have authority to require Class A utilities to report their acquisitions. Similar language indicating that the Department requires utilities to report their acquisition of smaller utilities is also present on page 16; Item 3.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Rufus B. Howell in black ink.

Rufus B. Howell, Acting Chief  
Division of Drinking Water  
and Environmental Management

cc: Cindy Forbes, DHS Drinking Water Program  
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