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Commissioner Michael Peevey, President
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, California 94102

RE: Local Government Sustainable Energy Coalition Priorities for CPUC Programs

Dear President Peevey:

Thank you for the invitation to identify the top priorities of the Local Government Sustainable Energy Coalition¹ (“LGSEC”) in regards to energy and sustainability programs under the jurisdiction of the California Public Utilities Commission (“CPUC”). We appreciate your offer to convene a half-day working session in the near future with senior utility executives in Southern California to discuss and develop solutions to these issues.

At the meeting, we would appreciate an opportunity for our elected delegation to brief the utility executives on local government capabilities and interests, as we were able to do with you. A discussion of the priorities identified below should flow from that presentation.

- ♦ Local governments can be a full, equal partner in designing and implementing State-sponsored energy and climate change programs that rely on local governments, for example, energy efficiency, small renewable deployment, climate action plans. This will allow better integration between efficiency and renewable energy programs at the State level to better support the comprehensive and integrated approaches that local governments are implementing within their own communities.
- ♦ Refashion local government energy efficiency partnerships to maximize local government expertise and mission.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter. We appreciate the opportunity that you have created through Chief ALJ’s Clopton’s focus groups later this week to express some of our concerns about CPUC process, and look forward to participating in that venue. Also, we are happy to help with logistics for the meeting in Southern California. I look forward to working with you and your staff to enhance the relationship of local governments with CPUC decision makers and staff, and with the investor-owned utilities.

¹ The Local Government Sustainable Energy Coalition includes: the Association of Bay Area Governments, the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, the City of Berkeley, the City of Huntington Beach, the City of Irvine, the City of Pleasanton, the City of Santa Monica, the County of Los Angeles, the County of Marin, the County of Ventura, the Energy Coalition, the South Bay Cities Council of Governments. Each of these organizations may have different views on elements of these comments, which were approved by the LGSEC’s Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jody London". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jody London

cc: Carol Brown, Chief of Staff to President Peevey
Local Government Sustainable Energy Coalition members