My name is Constantine I. Baranoff, and I represent the Sacramento County Office of Education on this subject. On 10-10-13, I attended the public hearing in Oakland where I presented the following comments:

1. Energy cost per square foot needs to recognize that school facilities are utilized differently from year to year (year round education, summer school, class-size reduction, community use, etc.) and, therefore, can lead to erroneous annual comparisons.

2. Where actual energy construction costs exceed projected estimates within the first 4 years of funding, school districts may be allowed to utilize funds from the subsequent year's grant amount.

3. Due to the nature of comments and questions made in Oakland and elsewhere, it appears that there are numerous answers forthcoming, I strongly suggest that there be an additional 15-day period for review and comments to the CEC staff’s amendments after the October 25, 2013 deadline.

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