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OFFICE OF WATER

October 28, 2016

Sean Steffensen
California Energy Commission
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Steffensen:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) WaterSense program appreciates the opportunity to comment on California Energy Commission efforts to consider the certification of innovative water conservation and water loss detection and control technologies that also increase energy efficiency as part of its implementation of Executive Order B-37-16.

The WaterSense program is a voluntary partnership program between the EPA and more than 1,800 partners which include manufacturers, retailers, water utilities, non-governmental organizations, and state and local governments. During our ten years running the program, we have worked with all these groups to develop specifications for water efficient products that have led to the certification of more than 18,000 products. To date, the program estimates it has helped save 1.5 trillion gallons of water, 212 billion kilowatt hours and 78 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions.

The success of our certification program is due in large part to our collaboration with industry and other parties to conduct product research and develop test methods and criteria that are meaningful and objective. The program is interested in a number of products discussed in this action. We look forward to continuing to work with the State of California to find innovative and effective water efficiency solutions.

Sincerely,

Veronica Blette

Veronica Blette, Chief
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