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California Energy Commission: several of the American Wind Energy Association's (AWEA) leading suppliers of small wind turbines participated in your April 14, 2011, hearing on your small wind incentive program. Both Mr. Kruse and Mr. Bergey provided excellent rationale for recasting the CA incentive program with revised criteria for turbine qualification in order to minimize potential overpayment or inappropriate reimbursement for unreliable, unproven products and installation procedures. AWEA endorses the general themes put forward in their testimonies and supports their recommendations. While the specifics of Mr. Bergey's and Mr. Kruse's recommendations are a bit different, either path (or a hybrid of the two) will restore CA's program as a leader in the country in deploying reliable small wind turbines and meeting the CA goal of a robust distributed wind market. Thank you for your consideration of these recommendations.



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