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Mr. Robert B. Weisenmiller, Ph.D Chairman California Energy Commission 1516 Ninth Street Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

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02-REN-1038

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Subject: RPS Proceeding, Docket Numbers 02-REN -1038 and 11-RPS-01: Notice to Consider Suspension of RPS Eligibility Guidelines Related

To Biomenthane

Dear Chairman Weisenmiller:

This letter articulates Camco's concerns regarding the California Energy Commission's (CEC) consideration for a suspension of the RPS eligibility of biomethane. There are many arguments regarding jobs and lost opportunities that will come as a result of this moratorium and we agree with many of those points. Our most significant concern relates to the impact the moratorium would have on companies that have invested several years and millions of dollars in CA. The moratorium removes all the market drivers that currently justify efforts in the state and could force companies to abandon the investments that have been made to date setting the industry back indefinitely. Camco is a global developer of clean energy projects and is a publically listed company on the London Stock Exchange (LN:CAO). We build, own and operate projects that supply clean renewable energy and eliminate waste streams. We operate the largest manure based anaerobic digester in the US (Idaho: 4.5MW) and are the largest US manager of GHG mitigating anaerobic digestion projects listed with the Climate Action Reserve (CAR).

Camco and numerous other companies have invested many years and millions of dollars into the development of clean energy projects in and related to the CA markets. This moratorium may cause the biomethane industry to abandon CA, many developers to lose years of effort and capital invested in projects. It will also reduce the economic and environmental benefits for CA residents. Camco would like to continue focusing on projects in CA relating to CA's RPS and clean energy initiatives but the moratorium would make it unlikely that we could continue to justify the effort and we are confident several other companies share this view. Camco trusts that you will take these issues into consideration when you review the moratorium.

Sincerely

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