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To: Energy Commissioners Douglas, Boyd, Rosenfeld, Byron and Levin --

Following is a letter I sent to the Los Angeles Times today. I suspect it exceeds their length limits, so it may never appear in print. But I'll keep trying, and also wanted to share it with you, because of my utter disgust at your latest, ill conceived proposal which will cost California jobs, tax revenue, and really do little to prevent people from owning big-screen televisions. (They'll buy 'em on the Internet or in a surrounding state. Duh!)

You people are disgusting. I have a slight vision impairment, and really enjoy watching sports events in high definition on my big screen TV. What good is the hi def technology if one must watch it on a small or medium size screen? Double Duh!

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cc: Governor Schwarzenegger

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So now the California Energy Commission plans to mandate that we can no longer watch big screen TVs in our homes--all in the misguided goal of conserving energy and saving consumers millions of dollars in electricity costs. These out-of-touch tree huggers are on track to ban most big screen, large plasma, and other energy-consuming televisions from being sold in California.

Obviously, they've never considered the rule of physics that for every action there's a reaction. Such as:

- \* Thousands of retail and manufacturing jobs would be lost in California's electronics industry.
- \* Reduced sale of large screen TVs in California would result in a drop in state and local sales tax revenues.
- \* People who really want big screen TVs could simply buy them in Nevada, Arizona or Oregon, or more conveniently, on the Internet--further impacting negatively on California's electronics industry jobs and tax revenues.

If the desired goal is to reduce energy usage, it is a historical reality that utility companies--when encountering major usage reductions by

consumers--simply raise the per-unit cost to compensate for the lost volume and revenues. So how would this financially benefit the consumer, as claimed by the idiots on the California Energy Commission?

That same Energy Commission also points out that dishwashers and refrigerators use far more electricity than the largest big screen TVs.

So what'll be their next wild idea? To require hand-washing of dishes, or a return to the old ice boxes (thus creating a resurrection in the time honored occupation of the ice man who delivers to our homes.)

And these members of the California Energy Commission are moving fast to achieve their irresponsible scheme. Now that high definition television is a reality, these regressive clods now want to tell me I can't enjoy sporting events or anything else on a screen size of my choosing?

George Orwell must be spinning in his grave.

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