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Memorandum

To: All Parties and Persons Interested in this Proceeding **Date:** March 11, 2015

From: Kourtney Vaccaro, Chief Counsel
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California Energy Commission

Subject: Merger of the Energy Commission's Hearing and Chief Counsel's Offices

We write to inform you that, effective January 12, 2015, the Energy Commission's Hearing Advisers Office merged into the Chief Counsel's Office. A fourth unit was created in the Chief Counsel's Office, called the Hearing and Policy Unit. Chief Hearing Adviser Paul Kramer will supervise the Hearing Advisers and attorneys within this new unit.

This organizational change is intended to improve the efficiency of both offices and enable more flexible use of staff resources to handle legal workloads.

The Chief Hearing Adviser and Hearing Advisers will continue to assist and advise Commissioner Committees in the conduct of siting and other quasi-judicial proceedings. The ethical wall separating the Chief Hearing Adviser and Hearing Advisers from attorneys who represent Commission Staff in quasi-judicial proceedings will remain as before; meaning, no conversations or other communications about the substance of a pending proceeding will occur outside of a public meeting.

If you have any questions or concerns, please discuss them with Mr. Kramer (paul.kramer@energy.ca.gov, 916-654-5103).