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Dear Commissioner Byron and Vice Chair Boyd,

Thank you for the public meeting on August 24, 2009 on the Transportation Fuel Forecasts and Analysis and the draft Integrated Energy Policy Report. I really appreciated the comments from all who attended and the Commissions nearly thorough analysis of energy and transportation as it is today. Making projections in economic times like this is a daunting task but takes bold leadership to attempt to look ahead as so many complex energy technologies and innovations are meeting traditional energy forms at this time.

As a start-up company, Green Footprint is located at the Water and Energy Technology Incubator on the campus of California State University, Fresno since August of 2008 for a two year launch period. The company is founded by CEO Carla J. Neal, who specializes in Clean Renewable Energy, particularly biodiesel fuel made from waste grease and sustainable oil- based non-food, industrial crops for biodiesel fuel and other products.

The Green Footprint will specialize in selling biofuels, starting with Biodiesel fuel through the existing fueling infrastructure. Green Footprint offers service and educational support of cleaner fuels and energy technologies for the transportation and farming sectors of the community through its Research and Development Programs that are in development currently. Green Footprint is becoming the preferred strategic link between our suppliers and customers. The Green Footprint's customers are oil companies, gas stations and ultimately end users of renewable energy. Green Footprint has a daughter organization in formation called AG*Green Biofuels Cooperative in partnership with the California State University, Fresno and the New Jordan School of Agriculture. Green Footprint is a company within the cooperative that will sell wholesale biofuels in the Western Region.

There is a need for modernized infrastructure in transportation in this state because the next century will be completely different from the last. We can build upon the past infrastructure, mostly because it is the cheapest and most efficient way that makes sense at this time in history. In some cases we may need to tear down infrastructure and rebuild. The main goal is that as a state we make bold changes that are positive for the people in California and in the United States. We have renewable energy laws that have yet to be implemented. Will this be enough? Companies have sparked investment in Universities and growth in innovation, particularly with renewable clean energy. Will there be a demand? Fuel is not something people enjoy buying, but it is a necessity for work or pleasure. I don't think fueling needs will go away, but people are getting smarter, and conserving.

The integrated report had a projection of biodiesel of 57 million gallons into the next 20 years? This is not encouraging for technology, or clean energy. The projection could be way off base and underestimated when considering the low carbon fuel standard and the pathways of future fuels. Further, there are reductions in other fuels that are discouraging as well, which just looks like a mimic of the economy. Consider that Americans still want to travel and enjoy our lifestyles; many will be responsible with valid options in the marketplace. We spend money on quality products and lifestyles all over California; in fact that is why many of us choose to live here. All of the questions that you ask in the workshop pages are questions that we must all answer in time. California can supply all of its own energy when we combine renewable and traditional energy. We do not have time to waste, but many resources and technologies to get this economy going and may that be a priority for all.

Respectfully,
Carla Neal