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*Additional submitted attachment is included below.*



Commissioner Andrew McAllister  
California Energy Commission  
1516 Ninth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

May 23, 2016

Re: Docket No. 14-AAER-2

Dear Commissioner McAllister,

Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships (NEEP) is a regional energy efficiency organization working to advance energy efficiency in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic United States. NEEP appreciates the opportunity to provide comments to the California Energy Commission (CEC) on the Revised Analysis of Computers, Computer Monitors, and Signage Displays, Appliance Efficiency Pre-Rulemaking for Docket No. 14-AAER-2. NEEP is monitoring this rulemaking as the steps taken in California to set efficiency standards for these products will have implications for the rest of the nation and may ultimately impact these products in home and businesses in the Northeast. CEC standards have resulted in significant improvements in the efficiency of several products over the years and the standards have been implemented very successfully. NEEP applauds the CEC on their national leadership in standards, especially for plug load and electronics categories that have such rapid technological evolution that regulation can be challenging. We respectfully submit the following comments.

Overall, NEEP supports the CEC in their efforts to develop computer, computer monitor, and signage display standards. These products are part of a growing challenge of tackling plug load growth, and in a 2013 analysis,<sup>1</sup> NEEP found that just the product categories of Desktop Computers, Laptops, and Computer Monitors use **8.7 TWh** annually in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic. Even without including displays, this is a significant amount of energy with clear opportunities for efficiency. Based on the presentations made in the public workshop and the comments put forward by the California Investor Owned Utilities and the Natural Resources Defense Council, it seems the proposed levels are cost effective, technologically feasible, and would result in significant energy savings directly in California. This is meaningful for stakeholders outside of California because standards set by the CEC may help influence and push forward national efforts, such as ENERGY STAR specifications or even potentially Federal Standards put forwards by the US Department of Energy. As such, it is expected that the CEC proposed standards would assuredly have a significant impact on the energy used in California, and would be very likely to result in positive efficiency impacts that influence the market in the rest of the country, particularly in the Northeast.

NEEP is grateful for the opportunity to provide comments on the Revised Analysis of Computers, Computer Monitors, and Signage Displays. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or clarifications.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Claire Miziolek', written over a horizontal line.

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<sup>1</sup> NEEP Business & Consumer Electronics: A Strategy for the Northeast, 2013 <http://www.neep.org/business-consumer-electronics-strategy-northeast-2013>