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Legislative Intent—Assembly Bill No. 1110

August 28, 2016

E. Dotson Wilson

Chief Clerk of the Assembly State Capitol, Room 3196 Sacramento, California

Dear Chief Clerk Wilson: The purpose of this letter is to clarify my intent of specific provisions contained in Assembly Bill 1110 which directs the California Energy Commission (CEC) to include Greenhouse Gas Emissions Intensity on the Power Content Label for each retail supplier serving customers in California.

The bill directs the CEC to consult with the California Air Resources Board (ARB) for purposes of developing a methodology for the calculation of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions intensity for individual sources of electricity (as drafted in AB 1110, Public Utilities Code §398.4(k)(2)(A)). Although the bill does not require the use of a specific methodology, or data source, for determining emissions intensity, it is my intent that the CEC's approach should be consistent, to the extent practicable, with the approach taken by ARB under its existing programs including the Mandatory Greenhouse Gas reporting requirements, Cap-and-Trade, as well as the CEC's Power Source Disclosure Program. These programs include protocols for reporting data on GHG emissions and allowing specific adjustments to compliance obligations. By conforming its approach to the ARB programs, the CEC would ensure consistent treatment amongst GHG programs administered by the state.

In my view, the bill also requires the CEC to ensure that there is no double counting of the GHG emissions, or emissions attributes, associated with any unit of electricity production in the West reported by a California retail supplier (as drafted in AB 1110, Public Utilities Code \$398.4(k)(2)(E)). It is my intent that the CEC should undertake this effort to the extent feasible. I believe this bill does not require the CEC to establish a new regional accounting system for GHGs or other environmental attributes associated with electricity generation. Over time, such a system may be established through the ongoing efforts of the California Independent System Operator. However, the CEC is not obligated to develop its own system and may rely on its best efforts to prevent double counting.

Sincerely,

PHIL TING, Assembly Member Nineteenth District