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May 6, 2019

Cody Hooven, Director City of San Diego Sustainability Department 9601 Ridgehaven Court, Suite 120 San Diego, California 92123

Dear Ms. Hooven:

On April 8, 2019, the City of San Diego Sustainability Department (Department) submitted a request (Request) for determination from the executive director of the Energy Commission, pursuant to Section 1684(b)(1)(A) of Title 20 of the California Code of Regulations, ¹ that compliance with the benchmarking program the Department administers on behalf of the City of San Diego (Program) fulfills the requirements of Section 1683. The Program is set forth in Chapter 14, Article 12, Division 1 of the San Diego Municipal Code. Pursuant to Section 1684(b)(1)(A), the Request shall be approved if the Program meets the requirements of Sections 1684(b)(1)(A)(i) & (ii).

I have reviewed the Request and determine that compliance with the Program fulfills the requirements of section 1683, conditioned on the following:

- 1. The Program, as interpreted and implemented by the Department, includes annual public disclosure of the information specified in 1684 (b)(1)(A)(i).
- 2. The Department has agreed to transmit to the Energy Commission, on behalf of the City of San Diego, all information that is publicly disclosed for a calendar year by August 1 of the following year, as required by Section 1684(b)(1)(A)(ii).

Therefore, I grant the Request. Pursuant to Section 1684(b)(1)(B), any building benchmarked and reported to the Department pursuant to the Program in a given calendar year is exempt from reporting to the California Energy Commission for that year.

Sincerely,

Drew Bohan

Executive Director

¹ All citations herein are to Title 20 of the California Code of Regulations unless otherwise specified.