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California Energy Commission
Docket No. 06-OIR-1
1516 9th Street, MS-4
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Commissioners,

I strongly support the proposed "Regulations Establishing and Implementing a Greenhouse Gases Emission Performance Standard for Local Publicly Owned Utilities." These regulations would ensure that utilities are required to place their long-term investments in clean energy sources, thus helping California meet its global warming emissions reduction targets under the Global Warming Solutions Act (AB 32) and avoiding the unnecessary exposure of Californians to hundreds of millions of dollars in extra costs resulting from new investments in highly polluting energy sources.

We must protect all Californians equally from the financial and reliability risks of continued reliance on electricity sources that produce high amounts of global warming pollution. The California Public Utilities Commission has already adopted strong rules to implement and enforce SB 1368 for the state's investor-owned utilities, and the California Energy Commission is obligated to adopt consistent regulations for the state's local publicly owned utilities.

The proposed regulations provide for necessary state oversight to ensure compliance with the standard, while allowing the publicly owned utilities enough flexibility to continue purchasing the cleanest, most affordable power for their customers. In addition, the proposed regulations would ensure a consistent statewide standard for all California utilities. I strongly urge the commission to adopt the proposed regulations to implement and enforce SB 1368 for California's local publicly owned utilities.

Sincerely,

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