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Dear Commissioners,

With the passage of the Global Warming Solutions Act (AB 32), California has staked its position as a national leader in the efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and plot a future that averts disastrous climate change. Without implementation, however, our position is worthless.

One concrete step is to ensure that California's state utilities invest only in electricity sources that produce minimal and decreasing amounts of global warming pollution. As the largest consumer of electricity in the western United States, we have a responsibility to ensure that our continued energy needs are met with cleaner, more renewable sources. Continued reliance on electricity sources that produce excessive amounts of greenhouse gas emissions subjects Californians not only to the dangers of global warming, but to financial and reliability risks, as well. As such, we 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. 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 has an obligation 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 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.

We strongly urge the Commission to continue California's leadership in mitigating global warming by adopting the proposed regulations to implement and enforce SB 1368 for California's local publicly owned utilities.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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