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STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION  
AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:	)	Docket: 07-OIIP-1
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AB 32 Collaborative Proceeding	)	Adoption Order 07-0912-10
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**I. BACKGROUND**

AB 32 (Stats. 2006, ch. 488) requires the California Air Resources Board (ARB), after consulting with all state agencies with jurisdiction over sources of greenhouse gases, including the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and the Energy Commission, to adopt a greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions cap on all major sources to reduce statewide emissions of greenhouse gases to 1990 levels. In addition to other benchmark requirements, AB 32 directs ARB to adopt regulations by January 1, 2008 regarding the reporting and verification of statewide GHG emissions. The Energy Commission has been collaborating with the CPUC to craft recommendations to ARB for the electricity and natural gas sectors, including how best to report and verify GHG emissions.

The Energy Commission's AB 32 Collaboration Committee (Committee), consisting of Chairman Jackalyne Pfannenstiel as the Presiding Member and Commissioner Jeffrey D. Byron as the Associate Member, participated with Commissioners from the CPUC in two public workshops on this matter on April 12 and 13, 2007. Staff from the two agencies gathered information from the workshops, attended subsequent ARB workshops, and reviewed existing reporting protocols of the Energy Commission and the California Climate Action Registry, which is an organization created to aid entities wishing to voluntarily track their greenhouse gas emissions. Staff from the two agencies then collaborated on a proposal for a GHG reporting protocol for electricity retail providers. The joint staff proposal was issued on June 12, 2007, for public comment.

After considering information presented at the April 12 and 13, workshops, the Joint Staff proposal, materials in the record, and comments filed by the parties in this proceeding, the

Committee, together with its counterpart at the CPUC, drafted and issued an "Interim Opinion on Reporting and Verification of Greenhouse Gas Emissions in the Electricity Sector," which amended the joint-staff protocol and provides recommendations to the ARB on regulations to enable the tracking and reporting of greenhouse gas emissions. The Interim Opinion recommends a reporting protocol to collect information that will be needed to track and verify GHG emissions attributed to the electricity sector under either a load-based or first-seller GHG regulatory approach. The CPUC officially adopted this opinion on September 6, 2007.


## II. ACTION TAKEN

At a regularly scheduled business meeting on September 12, 2007, the Energy Commission, after discussing the item, voted to adopt the Interim Opinion on Reporting and Verification of Greenhouse Gas Emissions in the Electricity Sector.

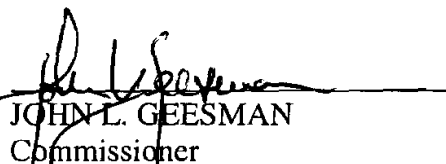
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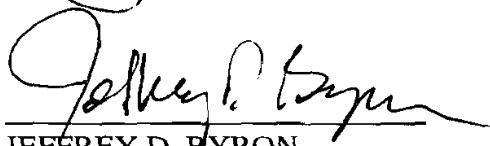
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