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Ad Hoc Committee on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
c/o California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Docket No. 09-OII-1 Order Instituting Informational Proceeding – American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on the State Energy Program. Please consider the following suggested amendments to the Committee Final State Energy Program Guidelines.

- Add the following underlined language to paragraph three of Chapter I, Section B:

Applicants are encouraged to use existing sources of federal, state and utility funding to leverage the ARRA SEP funding applied for through these *Guidelines*. ARRA SEP funds may be used to supplement these existing sources of funding, but may not be used to supplant these existing funds. The California Energy Commission may provide a preference to applicants who make private investments in energy efficiency technologies, water efficiency projects that lead to energy efficiency, green infrastructure projects that reduce energy consumption and/or fossil fuel emissions, or other energy efficiency projects that are associated with the facility, but not eligible for a direct grant. An additional preference may be provided for projects that promote California-based manufacturing.

- Add the following paragraph to 1) Leveraged Funding and Resources under Chapter II, Section B, Addition Desired Elements:

Preference may be given to applicants and property owners who make private investments in energy efficiency technologies, water efficiency projects that lead to energy efficiency, green infrastructure projects that reduce energy consumption and/or fossil fuel emissions, or other energy efficiency projects that are associated with the facility, but not eligible for a direct grant.

- Add the following underlined language to Section D under Chapter II:

In programming and allocating these funds, the commission shall give priority to



the sponsors of eligible projects that partner with, or commit to employ the services of, a certified community conservation corps as defined in section 14507.5 of the public resources code or the California Conservation Corps to construct or undertake the project.

- Add the following underlined language to 1) Leveraging of funding under Chapter III, Section C:

Preference may be given to applicants and property owners who make private investments in energy efficiency technologies, water efficiency projects that lead to energy efficiency, green infrastructure projects that reduce energy consumption and/or fossil fuel emissions, or other energy efficiency projects that are associated with the facility, but not eligible for a direct grant.

- Add the following underlined language to 6) Fund Leverage and Sustainability under Chapter IV, Section B:

Preference may be given to applicants who make private investments in energy efficiency technologies, water efficiency projects that lead to energy efficiency, green infrastructure projects that reduce energy consumption and/or fossil fuel emissions, or other energy efficiency projects that are associated with the facility, but not eligible for a direct grant.

- Add the following underlined language to Section D under Chapter IV:

In programming and allocating these funds, the commission shall give priority to the sponsors of eligible projects that partner with, or commit to employ the services of, a certified community conservation corps or the California Conservation Corps to construct or undertake the project.

We look forward to working with you as you develop the State Energy Program and appreciate the opportunity to provide you with our comments.

Sincerely,


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