

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
STATE ENERGY RESOURCES
CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the California Energy Commission has developed and implemented the Emerging Renewables Program (Program) pursuant Public Resources Code section 25740 et seq. and former Public Utilities Code sections 381, 383.5, and 445; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Program is to increase the installation of small wind energy systems and fuel cell systems using renewable fuels by reducing the net cost of these on-site renewable energy systems for consumers; and

WHEREAS, the Program is not intended to fully eliminate a consumer's economic interest in a renewable energy system by providing funding to cover the entire cost of the system; and

WHEREAS, in the period immediately preceding March 4, 2011, the California Energy Commission observed a significant and unprecedented increase in the number of rebate applications for Program funding for small wind energy systems requesting rebate amounts close to or equal to the total installed cost of the system, thereby resulting in circumstances under which neither the consumer nor the retailer or installation contractor have an interest in ensuring the installation site has adequate wind resources to accommodate the system and generate enough electricity to offset the consumer's on-site electrical load, and potentially resulting in the poor investment and use of Program funds for underperforming systems; and

WHEREAS, in response to this significant increase in Program applications and the concerns regarding the poor use of Program funds for underperforming systems, the California Energy Commission's Renewables Committee took immediate action on March 4, 2011, to temporarily suspend the Program to implement changes to address Program deficiencies; and

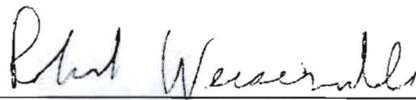
WHEREAS, the California Energy Commission has considered the temporary suspension of the Program as described in the Renewable Committee's March 4, 2011 notice, *Temporary Suspension of the Emerging Renewables Program*, and agrees that the suspension is necessary for the reason stated in the notice, and hereby ratifies the Renewable Committee's actions and suspension of the Program as specified in the notice; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the California Energy Commission hereby ratifies the temporary suspension of the Program effective March 4, 2011, at 5 pm PST, and subject to the conditions specified in the *Temporary Suspension of the Emerging Renewables Program* notice, and authorizes the Executive Director, or her designee, to implement the Program suspension as specified in the notice.

RESOLVED,

Dated: March 17, 2011

STATE ENERGY RESOURCES
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COMMISSION



ROBERT WEISENMILLER,
Chairman