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Hello Stan:

Thank you for your comments. They have been forward to the Docket for consideration.

Energy – Prop 39

From: Stan Price [<mailto:stan@putnamprice.com>]
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Building Operator Certification, a training and credentialing program for facilities staff working in institutional and commercial buildings focusing on energy efficient operations, is pleased to provide the following comments on *Proposition 39: California Clean Energy Jobs Act – 2013 Program Implementation Draft Guidelines*. Building Operator Certification (BOC) has been offered in the State of California since 2002 in partnership with the non-profit Northwest Energy Efficiency Council and the four California investor owned utilities.

These comments will focus exclusively on the training component of the *Draft Guidelines*. BOC appreciates and endorses the guideline’s direction that allows a portion of the LEA’s award allocation to support training for classified school employees.

“Training costs may be submitted as part of an energy expenditure plan. Each fiscal year, an LEA will have the option of requesting up to 2 percent of its award or \$1,000, whichever is greater, for energy efficiency training of classified school employees.” (pg. 12)

Successful and durable energy efficiency is a combination of more energy efficient equipment and best practices in operation and maintenance. Together, they help ensure that the potential for energy savings from a modern building infrastructure is realized and persists over the lifetime of the building. BOC has worked with school facility staff since its inception in 1997 and knows the challenges that building operators face each school day. Proposition 39 offers a unique opportunity to enhance this population’s skill level with quality training in resource efficient building operations and in-depth exposure to high performance building systems that may not be familiar to them.

BOC also endorses the commitment of funds to the California Workforce Investment Board. A career in facilities management and operation offers a number of groups, notably veterans, the chance for successful employment in the facilities field. BOC has recently completed 2 pilot training efforts (San Diego and Alameda County) which recruited veterans in a mixed cohort with employed building operators. Using a mentoring process from local facility directors, the effort has been very successful in preparing veterans for employment in the facility operations field. This dedication of Proposition 39 funds to this workforce effort can only continue to expand this type of effort.

Thank you for providing the opportunity to comment on the *Draft Guidelines*.

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