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California Energy Commission

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Dear Mr. Tippin:

The California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) requests the assistance of your publicly owned electric utility to help us better understand reasonably expected and potential hydroelectric generation supply issues related to the statewide drought. The questions that follow are intended to assess the magnitude of severe drought conditions that create hardship related to electricity supply. These questions are similar to those being asked by the CPUC of investor-owned utilities. This letter requests information related to hydroelectric generation. As the situation develops and circumstances change, you may receive additional requests for information related to electric generators, such as natural gas, that also rely on water.

California is facing a severe drought situation that is among the worst in the last half century. Dealing with this drought will require a coordinated effort on the part of multiple public and private agencies. It is critical for the state's leadership to understand the ongoing effects of this drought on the electricity sector and utilities that provide power to California.

Your candid responses are respectfully requested by Wednesday, March 19, 2014, with updates requested on the first of the month thereafter. Please submit your response to our Dockets Office and reference docket number 14-HYDRO-01 on your response.

The Energy Commission is aware there may be confidentiality concerns. If you desire any of this material to be treated as confidential, an application for confidentiality should be sent with your submission. This application, along with five copies of the confidential material, should be sent to the Energy Commission's Dockets Office. Jared Babula in the Office of the Chief Counsel may be contacted to discuss any concerns and how to submit an application for confidentiality. Mr. Babula may be reached at (916) 651-1462 and [jared.babula@energy.ca.gov](mailto:jared.babula@energy.ca.gov).

The Energy Commission will use the information to inform the Governor's Office about the overall situation and the issues facing publicly owned electric utilities. If no substantive updates are necessary, please inform us on the monthly schedule. Please include information on primary and secondary staff contacts.

Concerns or questions about the Energy Commission's questions may be directed to Jim Woodward at (916) 654-5180 ([jim.woodward@energy.ca.gov](mailto:jim.woodward@energy.ca.gov)) or Marc Pryor at (916) 653-0159 ([marc.pryor@energy.ca.gov](mailto:marc.pryor@energy.ca.gov)).

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

Enclosure

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