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The Honorable Joe Simitian
Senator, Eleventh District
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 2080
Sacramento, CA 95814

Senator Simitian:

Subject: Senate Bill 14 - Renewables Portfolio Standard; SUPPORT

On behalf of the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles, and its Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP), I am pleased to offer our strong SUPPORT for Senate Bill 14 (SB 14), a bill that is focused on increasing the California's Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) target to 33 percent by 2020.

Under the leadership of Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa and at the direction of its Board of Commissioners, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power voluntarily established an RPS goal of 20 percent by 2010 and 40 percent by 2020. Over the past several years LADWP has been actively pursuing the development and procurement of new renewable energy resources in order to meet its aggressive RPS goals, and we expect to meet our goals.

We agree with you that significantly increasing the amount of new renewable energy resources into California's energy supply is a necessary measure to achieve direct reductions of greenhouse gas emissions and permanently decrease our state's carbon footprint. In fact, direct renewable energy investments represent the cornerstone of LADWP's effort to cost effectively achieve meaningful reductions of greenhouse gas emissions 35 percent below 1990 levels by 2030 under the Mayor's Green L.A. Plan, and is a principal component of the California Air Resources Board's Assembly Bill 32 Climate Change Scoping Plan.

We very much appreciate the amount of time you and your staff have spent working with us on some of the extremely technical details of this bill. The sincere dedication of your staff in working with us has resulted in an agreement by all parties on amendments

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that address our key issues of concern with respect to LADWP's existing renewables portfolio and future projects (see enclosure).

With these amendments we strongly support SB 14 and we look forward to working with you to ensure the passage of SB 14. If you have any questions, please contact me at (213) 922-9767.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "S. David Freeman".

S. David Freeman
Deputy Mayor, Energy and the Environment
Office of Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa
City of Los Angeles

Enclosure
c/enc: Mr. S. David Freeman