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United States Department of Energy Docket Number EE-RM-PET-100:
Petition to Exempt from Preemption
California's Water Conservation Standards for Residential Clothes Washers:

Dear Ms. Edwards-Jones,

42 U.S.C. section 6297(d)(2) states that DOE must provide an opportunity for "written comments, *including rebuttal comments*," on petitions for waivers from preemption. Therefore, the California Energy Commission (1) believes that DOE is obligated to provide an opportunity for rebuttal comments after the close of the initial comment period in this proceeding, and (2) requests that DOE clarify its intentions in this regard as soon as possible.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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