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RE: Support for Petition to Exempt from Preemption California's Water Efficiency Standards for Residential Clothes Washers. **Docket No. EE-RM-PET-100**

Dear Mr. Secretary:

As the Business and Community Programs Manager for Anaheim Public Utilities, I urge you to approve the Petition to Exempt from Preemption California's Water Efficiency Standards for Residential Clothes Washers.

The link between water and energy is very clear. California uses more water than any other state, and demand continues to increase due to rapid population growth. The single greatest demand for energy in California is for delivery of water. California's State Water Project uses 3.7 billion kilowatt hours annually.

The water efficiency standards for residential clothes washers adopted by the California Energy Commission can save 204,387 acre-feet of water per year in California. While the water savings alone is very impressive, the energy savings under the current water factor standard of 8.5 could be enough to provide 50,000 California homes with energy per year. Under the standard to become effective in 2010 (water factor of 6.0 or less), the energy savings could accommodate 85,000 average California homes.

Through administering our water conservation rebate program for high-efficiency clothes washers, we have learned that our customers can choose from a wide variety of makes and models of residential clothes washers with a 6.0 water factor – considerably lower than the 8.5 water factor designated as the current standard. Therefore, it does not appear the water efficiency standards place an undue burden on the manufacturers of clothes washers, but that the standards encourage the production of more efficient appliances.

Highly efficient residential clothes washers can mean significant water and energy savings to individual consumers, and even more significant sources of water and energy conservation for California. To achieve these savings and reduce California's demand on imported water, I sincerely hope you will support the Petition to Exempt from Preemption California's Water Efficiency Standards for Residential Clothes Washers.

Sincerely,

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