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Re: Docket No. 06-IEP-1 and 03-RPS-1078

CPUC Commissioner Bohn and CEC Commissioners Geesman and Pfannenstiel,

We use this hearing opportunity to bring an issue of potential great benefit to California to your attention. This is a jurisdiction and finance concern.

Renewable Energy Credits (REC) from outside California have long been recognized as a way to meet California RPS. However another bordering state with huge renewable energy potential waiting to be tapped has been excluded from the mix.

Baja California, Mexico has geothermal, wind, solar, and biomass generation potential; transmission capacity; and market sharing prospects. Capitalization of projects can be accomplished more cost-effectively and in less time in Mexico.

Mexico is a proven willing seller. NAFTA already recognizes REC as legitimate financial instruments. The only impediment remaining is CPUC and CEC recognition of international REC trading.

We urge you during this RPS process to expand your consideration of this critical pool.

I am available to provide supporting information.

Sincerely,

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