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California Energy Commission
 Docket Office, MS-4
 Re: Docket No. 09-OII-1
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 Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

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**COMMENTS ON COMMITTEE DRAFT VERSION OF STATE ENERGY PROGRAM GUIDELINES
 DOCKET NUMBER 09-OII-1, ORDER INSTITUTING INFORMATIONAL PROCEEDINGS – AMERICAN
 RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT**

The McKinleyville Community Services District is providing the following comments on the above-referenced draft document.

1. Eligible Applicants – MCSD is a community services district providing water, sewer, parks and recreation and street lighting, serving the unincorporated town of McKinleyville with a population of approximately 15,000. Our community is considered disadvantaged within Humboldt County, yet we have approximately 5,100 service connections. We are requesting that Special Districts be included and recognized as “Eligible Applicants”. Based on our previous experience with the Energy Efficiency Block Grant Program where special districts were not specifically referenced as being eligible, we were excluded from the process and our County Government interpreted the eligibility to mean that any funding is only intended for County projects and not intended to serve the unincorporated areas within the county. Therefore, we are requesting that “Special Districts” be included as eligible applicants along with cities, counties, or groups of cities and counties in California. If the thought of considering all Special Districts seems too cumbersome, we would ask that you find a suitable threshold of “population served” (e.g. > 5,000 citizens) and/or particular types of Special Districts such as Community Services Districts, Water Districts and Sewer Districts (all of whom have a significant interest in increasing energy efficiency and reducing energy costs). We appreciate your consideration of this request.

Thank You,

McKinleyville Community Services District

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Cc: Board of Directors