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BY HAND DELIVERY

Commissioner Carl Wood
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 5200
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: R.04-01-006; Low Income Energy Efficiency Standardization Project Team Request for Phase 5 Workplan, Budget and Timelines Filing Deadline Extension

Dear Commissioner Wood:

On behalf of the joint utilities' Low Income Energy Efficiency (LIEE) program standardization project team (project team or team), PG&E hereby requests that you extend the deadline called for in your October 1, 2004 Assigned Commissioner's Ruling (ACR) Requiring An Early Start to Phase 5 of the Low Income Energy Efficiency Program Standardization Project from October 8, 2004 to October 18, 2004. This additional time is required for the team to complete development of a proposed phase 5 workplan, budgets and timelines.

The project team's lead consultant is currently out of the continental United States, and is not expected back until October 7, 2004. The team has already conferred with the consultant's staff, who are already at work on the requested workplans, budgets and timelines, but the additional time is needed for the lead consultant and the project team to review and approve the draft workplan, budgets and timelines before they can be submitted to the Commission.

The team also has to determine whether or not all the tasks outlined in the ACR can be completed within the aggressive timelines called for. If it finds that, because of the late start date, the deadlines called for in the ACR are no longer feasible, the team will propose a revised timeline and deadlines, along with the reasons why the teams believes that any such delays are not likely to substantially impact 2005 program operations or PY2006 planning. Much of the timing of phase 5 project work product development and approval will depend on how long it will take the Commission to review and approve the project team's work products and recommendations. That is a factor the team is not able to control.

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Your timely approval of this deadline extension request will be appreciated. I have discussed this deadline extension with Donna Wagoner of the Energy Division, who was most cooperative and helpful.

Sincerely,

/s/

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cc: Administrative Law Judge Sarah Thomas
Donna Wagoner, Energy Division
All Parties of Record in R.04-01-006 (via electronic mail)