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1 BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION 2 OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA 3 4 Order Instituting Rulemaking to Implement Rulemaking 03-10-003 Portions of AB117 Concerning Community 5 Choice Aggregation 6 7 8 9 REBUTTAL TESTIMONY OF PAUL FENN ON BEHALF OF LOCAL POWER 10 11 12 Q: Have you previously submitted testimony in this phase of the proceeding? 13 A: Yes, my Opening Testimony was distributed on April 28, and my Reply 14 Testimony distributed on May 12 after Judge Malcolm granted my Motion to Accept 15 Late Filing until that date. 16 17 O: What is the purpose of this reply testimony? 18 A: I am responding to the direct and reply testimony submitted by other parties to 19 this Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) rulemaking, particularly with respect to 20 issues regarding the process for handling CCA implementation plans at the Commission, 21 the "open season" for CCAs to declare their intent to provide service, tariff issues raised 22 by the investor-owned utilities (IOUs) and other parties, including CCAs, and matters 23 relating to the calculation of the CCA Cost Responsibility Surcharge (CRS). Failure to 24 comment on any particular issue does not imply any position on such issues. 25 26 O: Do you agree with the utilities' Reply Testimony on the Open Season issue 27 characterizing you and others as "proposing that the entire risk of the uncertainty created 28 in the utility procurement planning and the associated costs be shifted to bundled service 29 customers on the grounds that: (1) the Utilities should magically know whether and when

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a CCA Provider will commence serving customers, even though the CCA provider is not willing to commit; (2) the utility's procurement-related costs resulting from this uncertainty are the costs of CCA implementation and should be shared by all ratepayers; and/or (3) the Utilities have sufficient reserve margins to accommodate the changes in their bundled service load resulting from CCA formations" (May 9, 2005, 3-1).

A: No, I disagree with the first, but agree with the latter. First, it is clearly not a matter of saying that "the Utilities should magically know whether and when a CCA Provider will commence serving customers, even though the CCA provider is not willing to commit." No party on record has suggested that magic is needed for utilities to acknowledge the adoption of CCA resolutions, ordinances and implementation plan by the utility. Given that utilities have some of the largest lobbying enterprises in local government, indeed, it is somewhat disingenuous for the utilities to assume a posture of helplessness and innocence with respect to CCA forecasting in the comments above. AB117 establishes an orderly, step-by-step state-local public process for municipal governments, in order to ensure an orderly process based on due diligence and the preparation of expensive official documents, the most important of which is the Implementation Plan, which can cost hundreds of thousands of dollars to prepare, and months to duly adopt at a public hearing. Counsel for several parties to this proceeding, among them the City of Chula Vista, in particular its locally elected city council and mayor, have repeatedly pointed out that SDG&E's approved 2006-procurement plan ignores Chula Vista's adopted 2004 Community Choice ordinance making the CCA's intent to depart perfectly clear to the Commission and to SDG&E - yet the Commission approved SDG&E's plan allowing a total omission of the fact that the ordinance had been adopted pursuant to AB117. SDG&E is now in the process of negotiating contracts that could impose new Exit Fees on Chula Vista electric ratepayers for between 5 and 10 years - and utility retained generation that could impose exit fees for decades.

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As I indicated in my Opening Testimony, Commission protection against utility overprocurement is basic consumer protection issue for both bundled service customers and CCA customers. I will refer to an example. In the case of SDG&E, Sempra gas holding Sempra, which is not state regulated under gas deregulation, would like to sell its regulated electric affiliate. Under Commission process, costs and price volatility associated with these fuels are passed directly through to electric consumers according to the fuel charge pass through process. In the case of Chula Vista, a municipality that approved a CCA ordinance in 2004 now face Sempra Gas fuel charge pass-throughs from contracts with SDG&E's electric division on their monthly electric bills. Not only is this affiliate transaction being allowed by the Commission in R.04-1-025 (in which I, Paul Fenn, represented Ratepayers for Affordable Clean Energy in 2004), but holding company Sempra is also being allowed to deliver the gas as co-developer of an LNG terminal on California's coastline to receive imported overseas LNG - and sell it through three Sempra subsidiaries to burn in new SDG&E gas-fired power plants and sell to its electric customers, who but for the statutory opportunity of Community Choice are captive customers of SDG&E under extremely weak Commission consumer protection.

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For the Commission to allow SDG&E to proceed in contempt of Chula Vista's ordinance with threatening new 5+ year power contract liability fully a year later, is itself deeply

troubling and verges on violation of PUC 366. (a) that "(the commission shall take actions as needed to facilitate direct transactions between electricity suppliers and end-use customers.

Customers shall be entitled to aggregate their electrical loads on a voluntary basis, provided that each customer does so by a positive written declaration. If no positive declaration is made by a customer, that customer shall continue to be served by the existing electrical corporation or its successor in interest, except aggregation by community choice aggregators, accomplished pursuant to Section 366.2."

Knowing itself to have approved a procurement plan of a utility that had ignored, indeed defied, the entitlement of Chula Vista ratepayers to implement CCA through its adopted ordinance, pursuant to 366.2(a)(1) of the Public Utilities Code, the Commission cannot now stand aside and permit the utilities to put on the aspects of naive innocents who have only magic to stop them from buying power for customers such as the customers in Chula Vista or San Francisco, which has not only adopted an implementation plan, but undertaken a long list of actions since 1999:

Not only is the "magic" rhetoric of the utilities Reply Testimony an outrage and violation of AB117 requirement that utilities "cooperate fully" with CCAs in PUC 366.2( c )(9), considering that the utilities are now soliciting five year and longer power purchase agreements that directly threaten CCAs now seeking to depart from them, some of them having spent hundreds of thousands of dollars by now. Moreover, the presence of the "magic" rhetoric in Reply Testimony is deeply troubling and should be addressed as such in Commission regulations for utility CCA CRS rules, and underscores the hazard of a one-way gating process where the only option to an over-restrictive "open season"

process that no CCA can use is provision of only one cut off date for CCA CRS liability based on one commitment by a CCA. Such an approach would spite six years of

continuous effort, with which PG&E is perfectly acquainted.

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**In September, 1999,** the Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted a Resolution by Supervisor Ammiano asking the California legislature to pass a Community Choice Aggregation law. In November 2001 voters approved an amendment, placed on the ballot by the Board of Supervisors ("H Bond Authority" Ammiano) to the San Francisco Charter San Francisco Charter Section 9.107.8), creating an unlimited, generic revenue bond authority for the Board of Supervisors to issue to finance or refinance the acquisition, construction, installation, equipping, improvement or rehabilitation of equipment or facilities for renewable energy and energy conservation, said issuance to be authorized by an ordinance of the Board. In particular, Mr. Ammiano announced plans to solicit an energy service provider to install 50 Megawatts of solar photovoltaic capacity within the jurisdictional boundaries of San Francisco. In January, 2002 the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission held a World Solar Industry Workshop, which was followed by significant incremental solar photovoltaic installations at public properties such as the Moscone Center. Subsequently, the Board of Supervisors has adopted an ordinance creating the Generation Solar program, offering residents and businesses assistance with solar photovoltaic purchasing. These programs have been undertaken as pilot projects, in order to prepare city departments for a major, \$ Billion rollout of solar, wind, distributed generation, conservation and energy efficiency technologies at hundreds of locations throughout San Francisco's 49 square miles. In

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March, 2002, San Francisco also adopted Resolution 158-02 directing the City to commit to a greenhouse gas pollution reduction of 20% below 1990 levels by the year 2012. In December, 2002, San Francisco adopted an Electricity Resource Plan calling for the development of 107 Megawatts of load reduction through electricity load management and efficiency measures, 31 Megawatts of in-City solar energy, 72 Megawatts of small-scale distributed generation such as fuel cells in San Francisco and 150 Megawatts of new wind energy imports by 2012, as well as new natural gas powered generation needed to close over 420 megawatts of power generating facilities at Hunters Point and Potrero power stations. In September, 2003, the Local Agency Formation Commission ("LAFCO") accepted a report from R.W. Beck indicating that Community Choice Aggregation may be a feasible method of benefitting consumers and developing renewable energy resources, conservation programs and energy efficiency. On May 21, **2004** the San Francisco Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted (ordinance 86-04, Ammiano, signed by Mayor Newsom on May 27, 2004), and it went into effect on June 27, 2004. The Energy Independence Ordinance is the governing document ordering preparation of and outlining the structure of this Implementation Plan, and also ordering City agencies to present a draft Request for Proposals (RFP) for amendment and adoption by the Board of Supervisors. Ordinance 86-04 also ordered City and County departments to request all appropriate billing and load data from PG&E, resulting in the delivery of some incomplete aggregate data. On December 8, 2004, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a resolution (Ammiano, Resolution 757-04), creating a Community Choice Aggregation Citizen's Advisory Task Force "to advise the City on 1) the goals and preparation of a CCA Implementation Plan, 2) the use of Proposition H

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Bonds to accelerate the use of renewable energy, conservation and energy efficiency in the CCA program, and 3) the requirements in the CCA bid solicitation process, and 4) the evaluation of bids. Furthermore, Resolution 757-04 affirmed that Ordinance 86-04 "called for the development of 107 Megawatts of load reduction through electricity load management and efficiency measures, 31 Megawatts of in-City solar energy, 72 Megawatts of small-scale distributed generation such as fuel cells in San Francisco and 150 megawatts of new wind energy capacity by 2012, as called for by the Electricity Resource Plan adopted by San Francisco in December 2002." On February 5, 2005, the Board of Supervisors approved a Resolution (Mirkarimi, Resolution 131-05) urging the SFPUC to explore, based on findings of the Local Agency Formation Commission ("LAFCO") reports, implementation of Community Choice Aggregation on Treasure Island. On March 29, 2005 the Board of Supervisors approved a Resolution (Mirkarimi, Resolution TBD) approving a "Protest Letter to the California Public Utilities Commission and the Procurement Review Committee Regarding Approval of Proposed Pacific Gas & Electric Power Purchase Agreements and Energy Efficiency Programs." In April and May, 2005, in order to supplement ongoing agency efforts, the San Francisco Local Agency Formation Commission has formally requested a Draft Implementation Plan from Paul Fenn, who is the Board of Supervisors' first appointment to the Citizen's Advisory Task Force on Community Choice Aggregation (CCA Task Force). Ordinance 86-04 also ordered City departments to prepare a corresponding draft Request for Proposals within three months of the Board's adoption of this plan, The CCA Task Force will help draft the RFP, review ESP bids and make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. On May 13, 2005 the San Francisco Local Agency Formation Commission

voted to approve a Community Choice Aggregation Implementation Plan (SFIP) with recommendation to the Board of Supervisors, which will take up the SFIP in coming weeks. Local Power will introduce this document as evidence during the planned June R.03-10-003 evidentiary hearings.

All counted, San Francisco, as with many CCAs now funding preparation if Implementation Plans (e.g., Oakland City Council has authorized \$180,000 for preparation of an IP, Berkeley \$100,000), has undertaken a series of deliberate actions over several years with a continuous policy direction. Compared to Direct Access, the speed of action is much slower and subject to a deliberative state-local process. But unless the Commission actually uses this opportunity to guide the process, this opportunity for an orderly system will have been missed. The utilities' position is a self-fulfilling prophesy; if the only alternative to an over burdensome Open Season process is a one-way, single cut-off approach that places the entire burden on CCAs, then indeed the Commission will have no information because it will not be looking as carefully at Implementation Plans if they are not taking the statutory responsibility of "presenting findings regarding cost recovery" based on an IP, as AB117 specifically requires. Certainly, PG&E has the basis more reliable than magic to predict the

I will refer the Commission to my Opening Testimony, which proposes a three step gating process based upon the adoption of an ordinance, Implementation Plan, and final binding commitment.

1	The Open Season cannot replace a responsible policy for CCA CRS liability.
2	Indeed, we do assert that "the utility's procurement-related costs resulting from this
3	uncertainty are the costs of CCA implementation and should be shared by all ratepayers."
4	The statutory authority of the Commission to create CRS liability for CCA customers,
5	AB57 (Chapter 837 of 2002) does not preempt the statutory right of CCAs to depart from
6	electric procurement in a manner that limits CCA CRS liabilities, as stated in the
7	Commission's D.04-12-046 limitation of such liabilities to reasonably entered into and
8	unavoidable contracts.
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10	Finally, I agree with the Opening Testimony of other witnesses in R.03-10-003 that the
11	Utilities have sufficient reserve margins to accommodate the changes in their bundled
12	service load resulting from CCA formations. As the Commission has already decided in
13	R.04-12-046, planning for CCA load departures is not inconsistent with normal practices
14	of CCAs relative to Direct Access, making utilities accountable to a criterion that limits
15	CCA CRS liabilities to utility contracts that are "reasonably" entered into and
16	"unavoidable." There is more inherent flexibility in the utility procurement than the
17	utilities' testimony indicates, and the statutory requirement that a utility cooperate fully
18	with a CCA requires the utility to be equally flexible with CCAs.
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20	Again, there are statutory provisions for these steps to be taken with the Commission's
21	active participation that provide the utility with a basis, far better than magic, to predict
22	when a load departure will occur if CCA negotiations are successful:
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1	1. A CCA ordinance,
2	2. a CCA's adoption of an Implementation Plan,
3	3. Receipt of notice from the Commission informing the utility that the CCA
4	program is in effect pursuant to PUC Section 366.2( c )(6)
5	4. Receipt of Commission notice the program will commence in 30 days pursuant
6	to 366.2( c)(15) that "Once the community choice aggregator's contract is signed, the
7	community choice aggregator shall notify the applicable electrical corporation that
8	community choice service will commence within 30 days."
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10	Again, as the CCA's intentions become incrementally clearer from one step to the next,
11	utilities must fully integrate CCA load forecasting as a standard element in its annual
12	procurement process and exercise not only its annual forecasting capabilities but also
13	provide the flexibility that it enjoys in its own procurement activities.
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15	Q: Do you have comments on the utilities' Reply Testimony discussing Local
16	Power's proposed Open Season process?
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18	A: I do . The utilities characterized "the main theme" of my opening testimony as
19	being "that the Commission should facilitate CCA implementation at any cost to bundled
20	service customers, and this can be justified by classifying such costs as "implementation
21	costs" which by statute can be imposed on all ratepayers. The Utilities disagree. AB 117
22	is clear that the Utilities should implement CCA and the Commission should adopt the
23	necessary rules to support the implementation of the CCA programs, but not at the

expense of bundled service customers." (Utilities Reply Testimony, May 9, 2005, 3-10).

The utilities mischaracterized my Opening Testimony. I never suggested that facilitation occur "at any cost," nor did I suggest that bundled service customers should pay for it.

First, I stated, and repeat, that all customers, including both the customers that depart from the CCA, and the bundled service customers, should share in the same implementation cost. Second, I have provided a detailed three-step process which would require the utility to cooperate in an appropriate way in response to a CCA's prevailing level of specificity. I also provided recommendations for requirements in an Implementation Plan so that it could be used to provide a basis for a utility to predict CCA load departures based on the increasing commitment of a CCA at each step.

Therefore, the utilities' suggestion that I am indifferent to cost minimization totally fails to answer my Opening Testimony, which provided for the very means of minimizing costs related to utility over-procurement relative to a CCA seeking to depart in its service territory.

Third, the utilities directly contradict state law by saying that AB 117 requires the Commission to adopt rules for implementation of CCA programs "not at the expense of bundled service customers." (Utilities Reply Testimony, May 9, 2005, 3-10). In point of fact, AB117 provides specifically that with implementation costs, "(a)ny costs not reasonably attributable to a community choice aggregator shall be recovered from ratepayers, as determined by the commission" (PUC Section 366.2( c )(17). Thus, indeed, AB117 specifically requires that a CCA not be forced to pay implementation costs that are not attributable to it. This is indeed a right of the CCA consumer not to have costs shifted onto it, as the Commission decided it must protect against in D.04-12-046. Thus, the

utilities Reply Testimony both contradicts AB117 while pretending to cite it, and contravenes stated Commission policy adopted in Phase I of this proceeding.

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Q: Do you have a response to the utilities' Reply Testimony regarding your Opening

Testimony on the five year commitment required of CCAs that elect to participate
in the utilities' proposed Open Season process?

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A: Yes, I do. The utilities say that my testimony incorrectly states that the Utilities "have suggested that CCAs be required to make a five-year commitment to resource adequacy." What I meant by this was that the utilities' proposed Open Season process would require the CCA to provide a binding five-year load forecast, and face substantial penalties in the event there are forecasting errors resulting from higher utility costs. My point was that for the Open Season to actually be an option to CCA Providers who are interested in mitigating their CRS to commit to serving a certain amount of load before they actually commence serving customers, the option must be adapted to the reality of the energy markets. A five year binding forecast is unreasonable and prohibitive, and will only ensure that no CCA ever "chooses" the option because its minimum requirements are unrealistic, even arbitrary. Under the utilities' proposal, the only real option to CCAs would be to submit to liabilities and obligations for any and all utility procurement up until a CCA actually has an ESP who can assume risks such as forecasting risk. Taken together, the utilities' Open Season provision and its all or nothing, one-way, blind procurement-based reply to my proposal on the role of the

Implementation Plan in limiting CCA CRS liability, constitute a Catch-22 policy for CCAs in California, and must be rejected.

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Q: Do you have any comments on the utilities' Reply Testimony on your Opening Testimony concerning use of the Implementation Plan to limit CCA CRS liability?

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A: Yes, the utilities responded to my proposal that, consistent with its interpretation of PUC Section 366.2©)(5), procurement by the Utilities for CCA Providers' customers should be bound to the filing of the CCA Providers' implementation plans. In particular, the utilities responded to my position that "full cooperation" by the Utilities entails the reflection of CCA activities, such as passing of an ordinance by the city or county and the filing of an implementation plan, in forecasting their bundled service customers' load. The utilities ignored the subtlety of a three step process, again flattening it into a single, blind maneuver, saying "as noted in the Utilities' and TURN's opening testimony, the Commission in Decision 04-12-048 already found that these activities are not sufficient for the Utilities to exclude the CCA Providers' load from their planning process." Again, I never suggested such an abrupt one-step as "excluding." Rather, I proposed that the definition of "reasonably" enteredinto and "unavoidable" contract be conditioned on (1) the utility's reflection of a CCA ordinance in its procurement plan and (2) the utility's limitation of procurement to one year contracts once the implementation plan is certified by the Commission.

The utilities also says the Commission has indicated that a binding notice of intent is required of the CCA Providers to "exclude" CCA load from procurement. This I do not contest, but regard the binding commitment the last of three steps.

As the last of three, the binding commitment would be made when a CCA has already solicited and entered into a contract with an ESP. Conversely, if a CCA wishes to commit an ESP to a rate schedule in advance, a year in advance would not be reasonable, and I do not believe an ESP would sign an agreement at firm rates more than six months in advance of the transfer of customers.

So under this model, participating in an Open Season would only exclude CCA load for a negligible period of time, whereas a successful system will depend upon an annual process that offers earlier "gates" in the CCA implementation schedule of departure prior to the binding commitment. My testimony has underscored the importance of limiting CCA CRS liability gradually, the ordinance softly, the Implementation Plan firmly.

A system that forces a choice between binding commitment/cutoff or major CCA (vs. ESP) forecast risk assumption will fail to facilitate CCA negotiation with ESPs, because CCAs would not be able to transfer forecasting risk to an ESP within a standard industry time frame. Requiring either too much advance commitment from the CCA, or else refusing their procurement to be limited in any way by the Implementation Plan, the utilities are essentially proposing that the Commission make implementation of AB117

subject to the prerogatives of AB57, though they were signed by the Governor on the same day.

Perhaps that is where the utilities confuse my testimony, thinking I misunderstood the rule to meaning the CCA would bind itself to five years of resource adequacy. Rather, I meant that making a 5 year binding commitment cannot be undertaken by a CCA until it has a 5 year contract with an ESP. That is why the Commission gives CCAs the option of requiring an ESP to assume risks, such as the resource adequacy requirement of LSEs, and also why AB117 allows CCAs to require ESPs to cover the risks associated with contract failure by posting a bond or demonstrating insurance. The utilities' proposed Open Season proposal would requires a CCA exercising this "option" to assume all risks associated with a forecast that is unlikely to be qualified to make, because it requires the commitment to be made before the CCA has an agreement with an ESP.

Again, the utilities play ignorant of these variables, these bases for forecasting and procurement flexibility, as if there is nothing they can do short of "exclude" a CCA's load from their planning process when the CCA has a contract.

Indeed, AB117 expected that utilities would have a contract only 30 days before customer transfer, as described in 366.2 (c)(15). Yet, if a CCA wishes to exercise its option of requiring its ESP to assume basic risk management role, the option of placing risk management on the ESP, whether for the load forecast risk, opt-out rate, or other

options, an Open Season rule that prohibits a CCA from choosing to pursue such an approach is contrary to adopted law and regulation.

The utilities have not even attempted to respond to my actual Opening Testimony, which indicated that such an all or nothing approach is irresponsible and inconsistent with current utility procurement practices.

Q: Do you have comments on the utilities' reply testimony on your proposal to limit utility procurement to one year upon certification of a CCA IP?

A: Yes, the utilities say they "do not have any problem with following Local Power's recommendation, if desired by the Commission, as long as the associated incremental costs resulting from the CCA Provider not eventually implementing its program are directly imposed on that CCA Provider." Again, the utilities treat costs associated with the need for an incremental step by step process to minimize errors, as if they were created by each particular CCA. Again, AB117 says that implementation costs not associated with "a CCA" must be recovered by all ratepayers, not imposed on the CCA ratepayers. That is why, in my Opening Testimony, I proposed that costs that are directly attributable to a CCA's negligence or incompetence (as opposed to market conditions) could be made to pay. However, CCAs that act diligently, follow implementation plan guidelines, and act in good faith, may not be forced to pay for these implementation costs according to AB117.

The utilities testify that my argument "is inconsistent with AB 117, particularly PUC Section 366.2 (c)(17) that "[a]ny costs **not** reasonably attributable to a community choice aggregator shall be recovered from ratepayers, as determined by the Commission." (emphasis added). Th utilities testify "(t)here is no ambiguity here that when a CCA Provider passes an ordinance, files an implementation plan and then decides not to form, any resulting costs are attributable to the CCA Provider and should be paid by that CCA Provider." The utilities are consistent with their own logic here; they have held that the CCA ordinance and Implementation Plan are an inadequate basis on which to exclude CCA load.

The utilities complain that my proposals for considering CCA penalties in cases of extreme negligence or taking legal options "are not feasible alternatives and should be ignored." Yet these options are standard procedures for such cases, and cannot be ignored.

Can you respond to the utilities' rejection of your proposed concepts that might be used to allocate power to CCA Providers, for the reason that "here are no details offered as to how any of these options would be implemented, and no specific proposal is set forth for Commission consideration in this proceeding."

Yet I have proposed methods, and the utilities do not discuss them at all, claiming that my proposals "ignore many practical and legal problems and do not provide a basis for Commission and parties' consideration of Local Power's proposals."

This is untrue, they would not violate any law, and the utilities do not name a

single law or even Commission rule that would be violated by the methods I propose. Therefore the utilities' assertion should be rejected.

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Q: Do you have a response to TURN's Reply Testimony on your proposal to limit CCA CRS liability based on an Implementation Plan?

Yes, Mr. Florio states that "the implementation plan may or may not meet the requirements of a notice of intent, depending upon whether or not it contains a *binding commitment* to a specific date and the set of customer classes to which service will be offered. Again, like the utilities, Mr. Florio does not respond to the actual substance of my proposal, namely that the manner of limiting obligations is to avoid overprocurement, and the best way to do that is to limit utility procurement in accordance with a three step process of CCA Ordinance, CCA IP, and CCA Binding Commitment. I am not proposing the IP as the Binding Commitment, as Mr. Florio seems to perceive. Rather, I am proposing that it precede the Binding Commitment, and by limiting procurement in advance, avoiding much higher cost errors than the marginal cost of short term contracts.

Finally, Mr. Florio responds to the assertion that such as cost would not be a CRS, but would be an implementation cost, provided that it is not directly attributable to the CCA, as per PUC Section 366.2( c )(17). He describes the exit window as a CCA's "free option" to pursue the program described in its implementation plan or abandon it, depending upon bids received from ESPs *after* the plan has been certified by the Commission. Such a free option is not really free, however – it has real value to the recipient and imposes costs on the entity providing the option."

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I agree that it would create a cost, but I assert that PUC 366.2(c)(17) specifically 2 requires that such costs be born by all ratepayers. Furthermore, I assert that such an 3 approach is the only reliable way to avoid overprocurement. Given that utilities are in the business of managing their portfolios regarding an inherently imperfect load forecast, the 4 use of short contracts is standard. In fact, the utilities have preferred one year contracts 6 over long contracts since 1998, and only now are soliciting multi-year contracts for the 7 first time. Thus, the cost associated with utility management of procurement uncertainty 8 is not unique to CCA, much attributable to any particular CCA. 9 In this case, it is not true that "the utility and its remaining bundled service customers 10 would bear the costs of providing such an option to the CCA and its potential customers." I have proposed rather that all ratepayers share this implementation cost. Therefore it si 12 not the type of cost shifting that is forbidden by AB 117. While providing such optionality has a real cost," and Mr. Florio admits it a "fact that such cost is 'the result of the marketplace itself' such that 366.2( c )(17) would not define it as cost-shifting. 14 15 16 Q: Does this conclude your Rebuttal Testimony?

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