

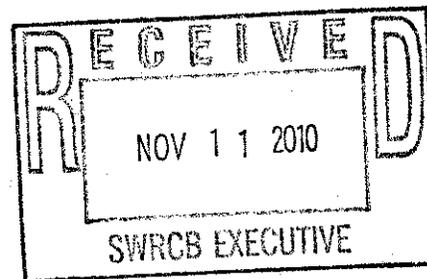
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Ms. Jeanine Townsend -Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
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Dear Ms. Townsend

Subject: Amendments to the OTC Policy released by the State Water Resources Control Board on Sept.27,2010

I strongly recommend the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) adopt the amendments to the Policy as proposed on September 27, 2010. The Policy provides a solution to extend the compliance deadlines with acceptable interim environmental mitigation commitments.

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) anticipates that electric power rates will rise 68% by 2014 from 2008 levels. The LADWP is committed to an energy mix including a goal of 35% renewables by the year 2020 which is expected to drive the power costs significantly higher. Los Angeles residents and business owners are struggling to meet these growing financial obligations. Adding an ill timed 6% additional rate increase over the next 10 years is not in the best interest of the future welfare of the citizens and businesses in the city of Los Angeles.

Permitting a compliance deadline beyond the current Dec.31,2020 date for utilities that commit to eliminating OTC usage upon repowering their existing units is a cost effective and fair solution to this issue.

I urge you to adopt the amendments to the Policy as proposed on Sept.27,2010.

Sincerely,
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President -Valley VOTE
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