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Ms. Paula Higashi, Executive Director
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Re: Permanent Absent Voters II
03-TC-11

Dear Ms. Higashi:

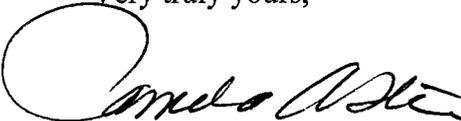
As you are aware, the original test claim was filed with the Commission on September 26, 2003. In the course of preparing the response to the filing by the Department of Finance, it became obvious that new legislation had become effective after the original date of filing, to wit: Chapter 347, Statutes of 2003. In order to make sure that this filing was complete, on January 27, 2004, the test claim was amended.

So that the test claim, as amended would read well, pages 3, 4 and 7 of the narrative were amended. The original test claim had 6 exhibits. The test claim as amended, substituted the new statute for Exhibit 6, and placed the original Exhibit 6 as Exhibit 7.

Pursuant to our conversation and e-mail, I understand your desire to reduce the amount of copying necessary for the hearing, when such does occur. With the foregoing caveat and changes, I have no problem substituting the amended test claim for the original one, and not reproducing both in the record, provided that the original date of the test claim filing is not lost in so doing.

Thank you for your consideration, and should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at all times at 559-779-7109.

Very truly yours,



Pamela A. Stone
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I, the undersigned, declare as follows:

I am a resident of the County of Sacramento, and I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to the within action. My place of employment is Maximus, Inc., 4320 Auburn Blvd., Suite 2000, Sacramento, CA 95841.

On March 23, 2004, I served the Letter to Paula Higashi, dated March 23, 2004, by placing a true copy thereof in an envelope addressed to each of the persons listed on the mailing list attached hereto, and by sealing and depositing said envelope in the United States mail at Sacramento, California, with postage thereon fully prepaid.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration is executed this 23rd day of March, 2004, at Sacramento, California.



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