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Ms. Nancy Patton Executive Director Commission on State Mandates 980 Ninth Street, Suite 300 Sacramento, California 95814

Test Claim No. 10-TC-12 "Water Conservation Act of 2009"

Dear Ms. Patton:

This letter confirms our email communication from March 21, 2012, in which you agreed to grant another 60-day extension of time to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to provide comments to the referenced claim. You previously granted DWR's request for a 60-day extension, which will expire on February 7, 2012. This new request would extend DWR's response time to June 8, 2012 by my calculation. DWR and the Department of Finance will submit comments to the Commission on or before June 8, 2012.

DWR's request is primarily based on workload and competing priorities. The two departments continue to meet to draft an appropriate response, but the scope, breadth, complexity of the task, and coordinating with perhaps additional agencies, will take more time. Also, the regulation at issue is controversial requiring an additional level of sensitivity in crafting an appropriate response.

Pursuant to section 1181.2, subdivision (c)(1)(E) of the California Code of Regulations, "documents e-filed with the Commission need not be otherwise served on persons that have provided an e-mail address for the mailing list."

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (916) 651-0874 or skenner@water.ca.gov.

Sincerely.

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