To the Economic and Allocation Advisory Committee:

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The Southern California Public Power Authority (“SCPPA”) urges the Economic and Allocation Advisory Committee (“EAAC”) to seek an extension of the due date for its report on cap-and-trade allowance and revenue allocation issues. The extension for the allocation report should, at minimum, parallel the extension that the Committee seeks for providing input to the Air Resources Board (“ARB”) Staff about the ARB’s economic analysis.

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1 SCPPA is a joint powers authority. The members are Anaheim, Azusa, Banning, Burbank, Cerritos, Colton, Glendale, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Imperial Irrigation District, Pasadena, Riverside, and Vernon. This comment is sponsored by Anaheim, Azusa, Banning, Burbank, Cerritos, Colton, Glendale, Imperial Irrigation District, Pasadena, and Riverside.
At its November 18, 2009 meeting, EAAC Chair Larry Goulder proposed that the EAAC seek an extension to the end of February, 2010, for providing input to the ARB Staff about the economic analysis. However, as SCPPA understands it, the EAAC does not plan to seek an extension for completing its report on allocation issues. The final allocation report would still be submitted in January, 2010.

As a result, the EAAC would complete its allocation report before it has the benefit of the completed and reviewed ARB economic analysis. If anything, it would seem that the allocation report should come after the completion of the economic analysis. From a review of the latest (November 16, 2009) draft of the Committee’s allocation report, the report seems to rely primarily on economic theory without the support of the economic analysis that is supposed to be forthcoming.

In order to enable the Committee to have a better opportunity to utilize the results of the ARB’s economic analysis in developing the allocation report, SCPPA urges the Committee to seek an extension for submitting the allocation report until, at the earliest, the end of February, 2010, or, preferably, March, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

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