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PETITION

To the Full CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION
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1. Name and Address of Petitioner:

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2. Request:

Request a three(3) year moratorium on implementation of the 2013 Proposed Nonresidential Building Energy Efficiency Standards.

3. Reasons for the request:

3.1 The new nonresidential building industry, particularly related to new construction, remains is in a very fragile economic state after "the great recession".

3.2 The building industry here in California, particularly relative to the lack of new private sector nonresidential construction, is in dire straights.

3.3 The construction industry in California continues to experience very high unemployment, in significant part, due to the lack of new nonresidential construction activity.

3.4 While manufacturers represent the technology to implement the proposed New Standards is "cost-effective", they fail to take into account other related costs and requirements in implementing these proposed new standards.

3.5 Building owners, entrepreneurs developers and even architects are generally "in the dark" in terms of understanding, let alone accepting the fact, that there will be additional costs and time delays required to incorporate the proposed nonresidential building energy standards, as well as the confusion and frustration that will result.

3.6 Additional building space requirements for the necessary equipment that, will not

only result in added construction costs, but make it more difficult for the architect and others in the design "arena".

3.7 Finally, this petition seeks to provide time for the new nonresidential construction industry, here in California, to gain some "traction" in this fragile, construction related economy.

4. The Authority of the Commissions to take the action requested:

California Code of Regulations, Title 20, Division 2, Section 1221.
State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission.

Respectfully Submitted,

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