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To the California Energy Commission:

Representing the University of La Verne, a nationally-accredited university, I am writing to comment on the future funding of renewable energy technologies related to water transmission, treatment, and use. Over the past four years the University of La Verne has been a leader in the identification and support of such technologies for the benefit of our State.

Each year, we hold the University of La Verne Water Technology Conference, with showcases the availability, status and potential of such technologies, in association with the Metropolitan Water District (MWD), University of California, and other major institutions.

In 2012, our focus was on water and energy, featuring remarks by Jon Lambeck, Manager of Power Resources at MWD. In La Verne, at MWD's La Verne Water Research Laboratory, much of the industrial scale (5 million gallon per day level) development and testing of water systems, including renewable energy technologies, is conducted. The University of La Verne (ULV) is now preparing to initiate a Water Technology Institute, with a focus on the study, development, training and use of water technologies.

Our Institute will continue its technology-related outreach in several ways: (1) our annual Water Technology Conference, which is next scheduled for January 31, 2013 at the University of La Verne, (2) a planned outreach program to use ULV's region wide satellite campuses, in association with MWD member water agencies to discuss their innovations in water and energy technology, (3) interface with Southern California colleges and universities to assist them in recognition and use of their own innovative water/energy technologies, and (4) close coordination with federal elected officials on co-funding of these initiatives, including a proposed Inland Empire joint agency center for use of water/energy technologies in the agricultural field.

We appreciate consideration of funding of our Water Institute and associated programs by the California Energy Commission and would welcome requests to provide additional information on our initiative.

Sincerely,

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