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DE 09-170, 2010 Core Energy Efficiency Programs  
DE 09-135, Electric Assistance Program

Re: Passage of Senate Bill 300 and the Re-Allocation of the System Benefits Charge

To the Parties:

Pursuant to Senate Bill 300, signed into law and effective on January 14, 2010, the Commission has been directed to increase as necessary the portion of the system benefits charge that funds the electric assistance program (EAP) in order to adequately fund the program for low-income customers. The maximum increase permitted to the EAP portion of the system benefits charge is .3 mills for an overall funding level of 1.8 mills per kWh for the EAP; the overall system benefits charge of 3.3 mills is to remain unchanged.

On January 14, 2009, Staff advised the Commission that the program could sustain an enrollment of approximately 37,000 through September 30, 2010, the end of the current EAP program year, at a funding level of 1.8 mills per kWh. At this enrollment level, all customers currently on the EAP waiting list could be enrolled in the program.

Accordingly, effective January 15, 2010, the electric utilities are directed to change the allocation of the 3.3 mills per kWh system benefits charge such that 1.8 mills per kWh is allocated to the EAP and 1.5 mills per kWh is allocated to energy efficiency programs. To the extent a utility does not have daily actual kWh data, the utility should assume the kWhs sold between the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 15<sup>th</sup> are equal to one half of the total kWhs sold for the month.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Debra A. Howland".

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