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**Ex Parte Meeting Report**

Date: June 19, 2012
Time: 2:00 pm EST
Location: U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave SW, Washington, DC, 20585 (Room 7A-219)
Organizers: Grant Mack, Executive Fellow to Chair Robert B. Weisenmiller, and Brian Turner, Deputy Director at Washington, DC Office of Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr.
Purpose: Provide information about California's standards for battery charger systems.

Attendees

<i>Name</i>	<i>Affiliation</i>
Robert B. Weisenmiller	Chair, California Energy Commission
David B. Sandalow	Acting Under Secretary of Energy, U.S. Department of Energy

Meeting Summary

- **Cost-effectiveness analysis used in California**

The California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) expressed concern about the differences in the stringency of California standards and the proposed DOE standards. The Energy Commission requested that DOE revise its cost-effectiveness analysis based on technical comments provided by the Energy Commission during the public comment period.

The Energy Commission discussed how the incremental costs that DOE used were based on maximum technology pathways, and how its analysis failed to consider least-cost technologies with significantly lower incremental costs.

- **Projected energy savings in California and nationwide**

The Energy Commission expressed its concern that the proposed DOE rule, relative to no DOE action at all, would lead to increased energy consumption nationally and for California through preemption which would replace California standards and its effects on the nation with less stringent standards. The Energy Commission provided information on the cost savings that the California rule would have compared with the

DOE rule. The Energy Commission noted that California's standards were supported by the Natural Resources Defense Council and several California utilities.

- **Documentation**

The Energy Commission provided the following documents to DOE at the meeting and attaches them to this memo:

- Copy of Technical Comments on the Department of Energy's Notice of Proposed Rule for Battery Charger Systems and External Power Supplies (originally provided during public comment period).
- Copy of Letter from Robert P. Oglesby, Executive Director of the California Energy Commission, to Brenda Edwards, U.S. DOE (May 29, 2012) (originally provided during public comment period).
- Table showing difference in approaches to setting battery charger standards (June 8, 2012)
- Energy Efficiency Standards for Battery Charger Systems Frequently Asked Questions (January 2012) and available since January 2012 at the Energy Commission's website: http://energy.ca.gov/appliances/battery_chargers/documents/Chargers_FAQ.pdf.
- Copy of Letter from Robert B. Weisenmiller, Chair of the California Energy Commission, to Dr. Steven Chu, Secretary of Energy (June 11, 2012).