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BIG UTILITIES WIN ... AGAIN
Renewable energy generation placed in limbo
by State Senate Appropriations Committee Action

Sacramento, CA- In response to today's State Senate Appropriations Committee action placing SB 14 (Simitian) on suspense file, Jim Gonzalez, Chair of the Renewable Energy Accountability Project (REAP), sent Senate President pro tem Darrell Steinberg open letter. **(Attached)**

SB 14, as originally crafted, would require all utilities, including municipally owned utilities, to procure at least 33% of the electricity they sell from renewable resources.

Senate President pro Tem Darrell Steinberg committed to the people of California at his Floor Speech on December 1, 2008, that he would establish a 33% Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) for California within 120 days.

Now, with 15 days remaining on Senate President Pro Tem Steinberg's pledge, renewable energy generation for California has been placed in limbo. In the letter, Gonzalez on behalf of REAP, urged Senator Steinberg to re-commit to his pledge by removing SB 14 from the suspense file.

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