

Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles

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The Honorable Michael Picker President, California Public Utilities Commission 505 Van Ness Avenue San Francisco, CA 94102

Mr. Timothy Sullivan
Executive Director, California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
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Dear President Picker and Director Sullivan:

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