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Proposal Cover Letter

Your Cover Letter will include the following items:

Name Address of the bidder, RFP contact name, phone and email Signature of a duly authorized officer or agent of the respondent submitting the proposal.

Bidder's authorized officer or agent shall certify in writing that:

- Proposal is genuine; not made in the interest of, or on behalf of, any undisclosed person, firm, or corporation; and is not submitted in conformity with any anticompetitive agreement or rules.
- Respondent has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other respondent to submit a false or sham proposal.
- The respondent has not solicited or induced any other person, firm, or corporation to refrain from proposing, or has not sought by collusion to obtain for himself/herself any advantage over any other respondent.
- No reassignment of proposals will occur during the evaluation or negotiation stage unless authorized by PSE and that in the event respondent and PSE negotiate and execute a contract based on respondent's proposal, the contract and obligations therein shall not be sold, transferred or assigned or pledged as security or collateral for any obligation without the prior written permission of PSE which permission shall not be unreasonably withheld. Any project lender who takes an assignment of the contract for security and exercises any rights under such agreements will be bound to perform such agreements to the same extent.
- Conflict of Interest: All respondents shall disclose in their proposal any and all relationships between themselves, the project and/or members of their project team and PSE, its employees, its customers, or members of PSE's Conservation Resource Advisory Group (CRAG).

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- Validity, Deadlines and Regulatory Consent: All proposals shall specify the date through which the proposal is valid. Respondents should note that contracts might not be executed or obtained until near the end of 2010. PSE will seek regulatory consent to revisions of its energy efficiency tariffs consistent with the results of this RFP process, such consent to be in form and substance satisfactory to PSE in its sole discretion. It is preferred that bidder provides proposals that remain valid for a period that allows for negotiation of a contract.
- Proposals shall remain in effect until 12/31/2010.