



May 28, 2009

The Honorable Anthony Adams  
Member, California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 4015  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 222 (Adams) As Amended 5/5/09**  
**Location - Assembly Floor**  
**SCE Position - SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Adams:

Southern California Edison (SCE) is pleased to support AB 222 (Adams) which allows facilities that convert solid waste into energy or chemicals to count as a renewable electricity generation facility for the purpose of California's Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) and for renewable grant programs administered by the California Energy Commission (CEC). The bill also permits local governments to count solid waste that is converted into energy toward their recycling diversion goals.

This bill will allow these facilities to be permitted as manufacturing facilities, rather than as major solid waste disposal facilities, and it will remove from statute a definition of "gasification" that is universally acknowledged to be scientifically inaccurate. This definition has raised concerns among bioenergy producers about the security of any investment they may make in California and has caused them to locate these clean new renewable energy production facilities in other states.

Just from the 40 million tons of post-recycled municipal waste California places in landfills each year, the clean new technologies could produce at least three times the amount of ethanol that was imported to the state last year. Biofuels, when produced from organic wastes, meet the emissions reduction standards of the new Low Carbon Fuel Standard and contribute to the greenhouse gas reduction objectives of AB 32.

AB 222 will enable the state to meet its mandate for 10% blending from in-state resources, providing local jobs and contributing to energy independence. On a life-cycle basis, advanced biofuels, when produced from organic waste materials could reduce CO2 emissions from automobiles by 90% or more, as compared to an energy equivalent amount of gasoline.

For the reasons listed above, SCE supports AB 222. Please contact me at (916) 446- with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Delette Olberg".

Delette Olberg  
Southern California Edison

Cc: The Anthony Adams, Member, California State Assembly  
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