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**RE: Comments of the California Air Resources Board Regarding Proposed Rule 2306 by the South Coast Air Quality Management District**

Dear Assistant Deputy Executive Officer MacMillan:

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) recognizes the need for the South Coast Air Quality Management District (District) to achieve oxides of nitrogen (NOx) emission reductions from locomotives and other rail yard sources. The District is in extreme non-attainment for ozone and needs NOx reductions for the State Implementation Plan. Five out of six of the current Community Emission Reduction Plans in the District's most impacted areas state that reducing emissions from either rail yards or locomotives is a priority for the communities.

CARB staff are currently reviewing Proposed Rule 2306 – Freight Rail Yards (Proposed Rule) and will work with the District to address questions as they arise. CARB's review will include identification of emission reductions that will be surplus to CARB regulations, potential impacts to other areas of the State, and potential changes in operator behavior created by the Proposed Rule.

CARB appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Proposed Rule to the District. We look forward to continuing to work with you in creating an enforceable Rule.

Sincerely,



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