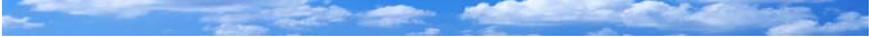




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## **Electricity Rate Boost if Governor Signs Bill for New Climate Change Institute**

SACRAMENTO – Be on the lookout for the first of many new electricity bill increases in the name of combating climate change if Governor Schwarzenegger signs SB 1762 (Perata).

“Electricity customers in this state already are facing skyrocketing costs. This bill adds another half a billion in electric rate increases, and it will be followed by billions of dollars more in higher utility bills to pay for the state’s plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions,” said Shelly Sullivan executive director of the AB 32 Implementation Group.

SB 1762 would allocate nearly half a billion in electric ratepayer funds over ten years for climate change research. This is on top of a proposed \$4 billion a year carbon tax, \$500 million a year water tax and billions of additional costs for gasoline and electricity included in the California Air Resources Board’s draft AB 32 scoping plan.

“SB 1762 and the AB 32 scoping plan will increase costs for the California companies that produce food products,” said Rob Neenan of the California League of Food Processors. “Ultimately these costs will mean California families will be paying even more for food thanks to the state’s flawed climate change plan.”

Recent polling by the AB 32 Implementation Group found that California voters support a balanced approach for implementing climate change, but that support plummets when they realize what the price tag of AB 32 would likely be.

“California consumers and small businesses are facing a difficult economy, higher taxes and higher energy costs already,” said Sullivan. “The increased costs from SB 1762 and the state’s climate change plan which will be voted on later this year will push many low income families to the breaking point and many middle income families to the edge.”

The AB 32 Implementation Group is a coalition of more than 160 organizations working to ensure a balanced approach for the state’s climate change plan.

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