State of California AIR RESOURCES BOARD

EXECUTIVE ORDER H-22-019

Relating to the Accreditation as a Verification Body of Greenhouse Gas Emissions Data Reports
Pursuant to Section 95132, Title 17, California Code of Regulations

First Environment, Inc.

WHEREAS, the Air Resources Board (ARB), pursuant to the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (Statutes of 2006; Chapter 488; Health and Safety Code sections 38500 et seq.), has established the mandatory reporting program contained in sections 95100-95158, title 17, California Code of Regulations;

WHEREAS, the mandatory reporting program requires the use of independent verifiers for verification of greenhouse gas emissions data reports, and establishes requirements for the accreditation of verification bodies;

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer has determined that First Environment, Inc. has met or exceeded the requirements for accreditation as a verification body in sections 95130-95133, title 17, CCR, including:

- 1. The verification body has at least two ARB-accredited lead verifiers and at least five total full-time employees.
- 2. The verification body has policies and mechanisms in place to prevent conflicts of interest and to identify and resolve potential conflict of interest situations if they arise.
- 3. The verification body has procedures or policies in place to support staff technical training as it relates to verification.
- 4. The verification body has provided all other information required by section 95132, title 17, California Code of Regulations.

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer issued the first Executive Order to First Environment, Inc. on August 31, 2009;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, that First Environment, Inc. is accredited to conduct verification services as a verification body for three years from the date of execution of this order, provided that the following terms and conditions are met:

- The verification body must cooperate fully with the Executive Officer or the authorized representative during any audit of the verification body or reporting entity for each verification performed, and must provide verification services as specified in sections 95130-95132, title 17, California Code of Regulations.
- 2. The verification body must comply with the conflict of interest requirements specified in section 95133, title 17, California Code of Regulations.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, this accreditation may be modified or revoked by the Executive Officer as provided in section 95132(d), title 17, California Code of Regulations.

Executed at Sacramento, California this February 25, 2022.

Richard W. Corey, Executive Officer California Air Resources Board

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