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President Michael Picker
Commissioner Carla J. Peterman
Commissioner Liane M. Randolph
Commissioner Martha Guzman Aceves
Commissioner Clifford Rechtschaffen
California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: California Public Utilities Commission Proposed Decision and Alternate Proposed Decision on the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA)

Dear President Picker and Commissioners:

We at the Marin Conservation League strongly urge you to adopt the Proposed Decision (PD) and NOT the Alternative Proposed Decision (APD) regarding the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment.

We are strong supporters of MCE, our local community choice aggregator (CCA), and believe that CCAs have already delivered substantial benefits to the people of California. MCE has been the largest single factor helping Marin reduce its greenhouse gas emissions to meet its climate goals.

It is essential that the market for electricity has a level playing field. Unfair advantage should not be given to either investor owned utilities (IOUs) or to CCAs.

In our experience, CCAs are transparent, responsive directly to their local elected officials and their customers, and have already demonstrated their ability to provide innovative programs that help residents and businesses reduce greenhouse gasses and respond more effectively to the demands of a changing climate.

We can live with the PD but the APD is unacceptable.

The APD would thwart the ability of CCAs to deliver customer programs and invest in long term renewable resources which all of California needs. The APD, as presently worded, maintains what we consider to be an unfair and non-transparent formula for calculating the PCIA and seems designed to benefit IOU shareholders at the expense of the broader interest of all Californians.

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At this critical moment it is imperative to be steadfast in support of California's climate goals.

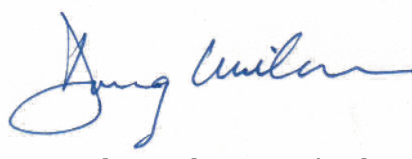
The Marin Conservation league urges you to adopt the PD and to reject the APD.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Linda Novy, MCL President



Doug Wilson, Chair, MCL's Climate Action Working Group