



CITY OF SAN PABLO  
*City of New Directions*



September 5, 2018

Commissioner Carla J. Peterman  
California Public Utilities Commission  
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**

Dear Commissioner Peterman:

I am writing on behalf of the City of San Pablo to express our concerns about the recently issued Proposed Decision (PD) and Alternate Proposed Decision (APD) regarding the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA). We strongly urge you to adopt the PD, which encourages the Investor Owned Utilities (IOUs) to prudently manage their existing resources and plan future procurement for the benefit of all ratepayers, while allowing the CCAs to continue to grow and develop innovative local energy programs. The APD should be rejected because it will undermine California's renewable energy goals and punishes local communities that have made investments in distributed generation and electric vehicle programs to achieve a clean energy future.

Local communities have formed public power programs through CCAs across the state to help achieve California's environmental policy goals and they have been wildly successful. California is on track to meet its clean energy goals a decade early thanks in part to CCAs. Unlike the IOUs, CCAs are transparent local governments that are held directly accountable to their customers and local elected officials. CCAs are investing in long term renewable resources and running customer programs to promote fuel shifting away from natural gas, electric vehicles, low-income home retrofits, free low-income solar systems, customer education in net-zero homes, battery incentives, grid reliability services, and at least forty other innovative topics. The Commission should take credit for what CCAs have accomplished, and partner with them to promote and fund proven customer programs that advance California's policy goals.

The APD does not embrace that spirit of collaboration. If adopted, the APD would significantly jeopardize CCAs' ability to invest in long term renewable resources and customer programs. Whereas the PD benefits all ratepayers and reduces costs for everyone, the APD protects the IOUs and their shareholders, allowing them to continue their mismanagement of resources, relying on the absolute protection of the current APD formula for calculating the PCIA.

The City of San Pablo urges you to reject the APD and adopt the PD for the benefit of all ratepayers. Not only does the APD undermine the state's environmental goals, it would continue to protect the IOU shareholders at the expense of ratepayers. For California to move toward a cleaner future, we ask you to adopt the PD to recognize the diverse energy marketplace that we all desire.

Sincerely,



Genoveva Garcia Calloway  
Mayor

cc: San Pablo City Councilmembers  
City Manager  
Assistant City Manager