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CPUC President Michael Picker
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Upcoming Vote of the Public Utilities Commission on the Decision Modifying the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment Methodology (R.17-06-026)

Dear President Picker,

The Center for Climate Protection (Center) fully supports for the Proposed Decision (PD) before the CPUC to modify the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) methodology. The PD creates a path forward which is fair, transparent, well-reasoned, and demonstrates that the ALJ has fully considered the evidence in support of equitable, competitive, and responsible electricity contracting and cost-recovery practices. It also improves certainty and provides stakeholders with the opportunity to continue to explore additional needed changes, such as creative cost-reduction opportunities, in Phase 2.

We are also encouraged by the denial of the proposed solution put forward by the Joint Utilities. Adopting the Joint Utilities' proposal would have functionally removed energy choice from the State of California by imposing an economically cost-prohibitive regulatory scheme. Doing so would have directly undermined the legislation enabling Community Choice. I further support the PD's solution to prevent cost-shifting, and the directive to develop creative financing solutions to reduce long-term costs.

The Center wholeheartedly supports the PD because it is fair to all customers, regardless of which energy provider they choose. I encourage the Commission to act boldly and not delay in creating a more transparent, predictable PCIA methodology that is equitable to all customers and all areas of California, and which supports California's clean energy future.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me if I can provide additional information.

Sincerely,



Ann Hancock, Executive Director
Center for Climate Protection