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RE: Opposition to Draft Resolution E-4907 | Effort to “Freeze” Community Choice Energy

Dear Commissioners:

We, the undersigned, oppose the actions under draft resolution E-4907 that would hamper choice by preventing new jurisdictions throughout California from launching Community Choice Energy (CCE) programs.

In the city of San Diego, we have a legal obligation to reach 100% renewable electricity by 2035, and we are actively exploring CCE as the best solution to achieve this goal. As four other Climate Action Plans in our region have already committed to 100% clean electricity by 2035 through Community Choice Energy, the adoption of this resolution could delay or possibly deny this important opportunity for energy choice to more than a million local residents.

It is especially concerning that this draft resolution was released just days before the start of the holidays, and that comments are required by December 29 - now January 11 - for the expected February 8 vote. The wider community has not been been given adequate time to address the information presented in the draft resolution and respond appropriately.

Therefore, we strongly urge the Commission to withdraw draft resolution E-4907 from consideration on February 8. By placing unreasonable new requirements on the launch of a CCE, including a two-year waiting period before launch, it threatens our right to secure local control, reduced rates, and the opportunity to generate millions in revenue to reinvest back into our communities. If the commission wishes to analyze the proposed actions under E-4907, it should do so under a new or existing rulemaking proceeding where all sides can robustly engage.

Thank you for listening to our concerns,

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