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Genevieve Shiroma, Commissioner  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 95814

**Re: CPUC Microgrids and Resiliency Rulemaking (R.1909009)**

Dear Commissioner Shiroma,

TechNet is the national, bipartisan network of over 80 technology companies that promotes the growth of the innovation economy by advocating a targeted policy agenda at the federal and 50 state level. TechNet's diverse membership includes dynamic American businesses ranging from startups to the most iconic companies on the planet and represents more than three million employees in the fields of information technology, e-commerce, clean energy, gig and sharing economy, venture capital, and finance. TechNet is committed to advancing the public policies and private sector initiatives that make the U.S. the most innovative country in the world.

As you and your fellow Commissioners undertake the important rulemaking on microgrids and resiliency (R.1909009), it is critical to create regulations and tariffs that support the innovation economy to facilitate access to microgrid technologies.

Consistent reliable access to electricity is critical to this goal.

Microgrids have broad potential due to a range of configurations, modularity, and their ability to work twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, and every day of the year in a range of disruptive settings such as catastrophic events and increasing power shut offs. Our members are increasingly relying on microgrid technologies because they cannot afford not to, as they provide the reliability they so critically need. Clear, streamlined rules, and fees for these technologies will unleash the full potential of the market.

California is the innovation hub of the world. This State should be at the forefront of policies that encourage investments in microgrids – investments that will enable business to choose options that work for them. We believe customer choice should be protected. We ask the Commission to recognize the importance of these investments and not force our members to continue to depend upon an increasingly unreliable grid. We ask you to prioritize policies that enhance access to clean power solutions and clear the

path for innovative microgrid configurations by creating fair tariff structures and technology flexible regulations.

Thank you for your consideration and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Cameron Demetre, Deputy Executive Director, at 916-903-8070 or [cdemetre@technet.org](mailto:cdemetre@technet.org).

Sincerely,



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