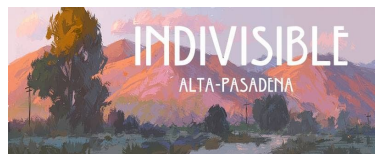
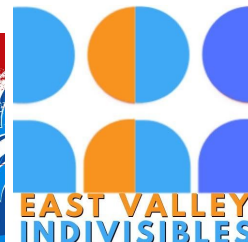
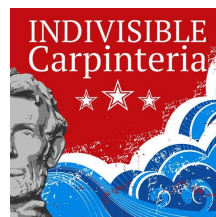
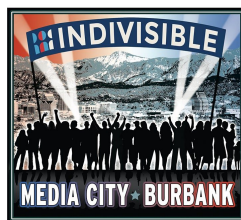




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September 1, 2020

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

RE: R. 19-09-009 Microgrids & Resiliency Strategies

Dear President Batjer & Commissioner Shiroma,

Indivisible California Green Team joins the other Indivisible groups listed below to convey our support for rapid deployment of microgrids in California now.

Indivisible California Green Team works with Indivisible groups all over California on environmental issues and we have a joint voice for positive change and clean reliable affordable emergency energy during PSPS (Public Safety Power Shutoff) and the utility caused wildfires.

As you and your fellow Commissioners undertake the second track of the rulemaking related to microgrids and resiliency strategies (R.19-09-009), it is critical that the voices of California residents, businesses and communities are heard, and our urgent needs are met. As we all grapple with a worsening public health crisis with the Pandemic, hundreds of wildfires and rolling blackouts across the state, we need state leaders at the Public Utilities Commission to recognize that commercially viable microgrids are poised to take a leading position in solving the critical problems facing California.

By employing a standardized microgrid tariff utilizing CARB-approved clean energy resources that is called for by SB 1339, the Commission can enable the rapid development and deployment of clean, customer-owned power solutions that ensure safe, continuous power for all Californians. This policy would increase access to and streamline the adoption of a broad swath of microgrid technologies, including clean alternatives to diesel generation. This is especially important as Californians are at heightened risk of respiratory illnesses due to the Pandemic and smoke from wildfires.

The importance of deploying microgrids as widely and expeditiously as possible cannot be overstated.

It has been two years since the legislation to commercialize microgrids was enacted. All that has been accomplished in this proceeding is the approval of too much utility diesel generation. California is experiencing many dire emergencies and microgrids need to be commercialized NOW. Microgrids can provide 24/7/365 access to clean, reliable power. With a standardized price signal in place, these technologies can be built quickly and widely across the state with private investment, reducing costs and providing tremendous benefits to all ratepayers.

All communities should be deploying microgrids as fast as possible. The value of resilience is not limited to those that are disadvantaged. As you undertake the important work to commercialize microgrids, we ask that you *focus* on creating the separate rates and tariffs that SB 1339 calls for. We do not have any time to waste and cannot afford to wait any longer to commercialize microgrids. The Commission must unleash the power of our communities, and the technological innovation and investment of the private sector.

Indivisible California Green Team and the organizations below strongly support the immediate commercialization of microgrids and encourage the creation of robust tariffs and solutions that will help get clean, resilient energy technologies deployed in *all* California communities as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your consideration and your ongoing commitment to ensuring a safe and reliable energy future for our state.

Sincerely,

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