



August 14, 2020

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

Dear Commissioner Shiroma,

I am writing to provide comments on proceeding R.1909009 related to microgrids and resiliency. Amid a devastating global pandemic and the ever-growing wildfire threat, the Commission's work to better enable access to clean, reliable energy solutions has become essential to protecting the health and safety of Californians, especially our state's most vulnerable communities.

Valley Clean Air Now (Valley CAN) is a 501(c)(3) public charity committed to quantifiably reducing emissions in California's San Joaquin Valley, the region with the worst air quality in the United States. As part of our mission to improve public health and quality of life in disadvantaged communities throughout the San Joaquin Valley, we support clean alternatives to overlooked sources of air pollution that yield tangible environmental and social improvements in disproportionately impacted communities.

As we work toward solutions that enhance community resiliency and protect public health by reducing emissions, we urge the Commission to prioritize inclusive energy policies that empower local businesses and organizations to choose the clean power solutions that fit the specific needs of their community and the constituents they serve.

As you and your fellow Commissioners consider rules that will ultimately determine the state's framework for microgrid adoption, we ask that your efforts include a standardized, technology-neutral tariff that would support the immediate deployment of all types of clean, customer-owned microgrid solutions and propel technological innovation in this sector.

By advancing policies that include proven, clean technologies such as fuel cells powered by natural gas or biogas, the Commission can increase access to 24/7/365 energy solutions that provide reliable and affordable power while supporting an immediate shift away from polluting diesel-powered generators that threaten our health and the air we breathe.

Thank you for your ongoing work to ensure equitable access to the clean energy solutions we need now more than ever to safeguard our communities.

Sincerely,

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