

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING: CPUC RESILIENCY AND MICROGRIDS PROCEEDING TRACK 2

“The state must do more and faster to prevent future outages as we continue to work to transform energy generation in our state to achieve our necessary goals to combat climate change.”

Gov. Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California

“Businesses, healthcare advocates and community organizations all agree that using microgrids, clean energy, fuel cells, storage and other options can provide safe, clean, reliable and locally generated energy to keep the power on during emergencies.”

Fran Pavley
Former California State Assemblymember and Senator

“We need the California Public Utilities Commission to fast-track its current microgrid rulemaking to accelerate microgrid commercialization. This means modifying fee structures, tariffs, rules and standards to send appropriate market signals so local entities can create their own clean, reliable solutions rather than waiting for investor-owned utilities like PG&E.”

Ellie Cohen
CEO, The Climate Center

“Now, more than ever, with the added specter of extreme heat waves and rolling outages, we don’t need microgrid pilot programs, we need robust microgrid deployment.”

Henry Stern
CA State Senator, 27th District

“California simply cannot accept the risk of having to live with on-again, off-again electrical power. We must build greater resiliency into the system, and we need to move beyond the 20th century back-up technology of inefficient, dirty, diesel-powered emergency generators.”

Tim Edwards
President, CAL FIRE Firefighters

“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.”

Cameron Demetre
Deputy Executive Director, California and the Southwest, TechNet

“As California continues to suffer through increasingly destructive climate-driven wildfires, the Commission’s work to enhance the deployment of clean, reliable microgrid solutions remains an important element of protecting public health.”

Will Barrett

Clean Air Advocacy Director, American Lung Association

“Our goal is to continue to work for socially and environmentally responsible air quality policies in California. Clean microgrid deployment protects public health by reducing emissions and eliminating air pollution while enhancing community resiliency and choice.”

Joseph K. Lyou, Ph.D.

President & CEO, Coalition for Clean Air

“During this time of a devastating public health pandemic and the ever-growing threat of wildfire, we need state leaders to prioritize policies that enhance access to clean power solutions like microgrids that enable essential businesses to operate around-the-clock.”

Rachel Michelin

President & CEO, California Retailers Association

“As an essential grocery business, it is imperative that we are open and available to the communities we serve. Our communities count on us to be there for them even and especially in uncertain times like these. We strongly encourage the Commission to create a standardized, technology-neutral tariff to enable the rapid development and deployment of clean, customer-owned power solutions that can operate 24/7/365.”

Eric Stille

President/CEO, Nugget Market, Inc

“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.”

Tom Knox

Executive Director, Valley Clean Air Now

“Microgrids help move us to the modernized, more flexible grid that President Batjer has said we need to move toward. Microgrids can really help us with our climate goals and with focused community resilience if battery storage and clean backup power are incentivized in a general microgrid tariff.”

Ken Jones

Clean Energy Campaign Lead, 350 Bay Area

“While it’s nice to have goals to get to 100 percent clean energy by 2045, that’s inadequate to meet the challenges that this state, and I argue this nation, faces. We’re going to have to fast-track our efforts. We’re going to have to be more aggressive in terms of meeting our goals much sooner.”

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