



May 6, 2014

President Michael R. Peevey  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Ave.  
San Francisco, CA 94102

President Peevey,

On behalf of the School Energy Coalition (SEC), an organization made up of K-12 schools, community colleges, school construction and energy consultants focused on energy efficiency and renewable generation projects for California's students, I am writing to oppose the proposed change by Pacific Gas & Electric to limit eligibility for the A-6 rate. This change would restrict the maximum demand of A-6 rate to 75 kw rather than the 499 kw limit in place today.

California school districts have invested in solar and energy conservation measures as a way to both save money, to contribute to the state's efforts to address environmental problems, and to give the district greater long-term control over energy price inflation.

For schools, making a decision to invest in energy projects is a very public process and commitment. For example, local bond language presented to district voters includes projected savings from these investments, and these numbers are also contained in any analysis that is presented to respective school boards for approval. The impact of the A-6 rate on a project's payback is a major consideration when decisions to invest taxpayer dollars in solar projects are made by schools.

In addition, schools are now collectively focusing more attention than ever before on school energy projects in light of funding recently made available for this purpose through Proposition 39, which was passed by voters statewide in November 2012. With many districts making significant energy saving investments using Proposition 39 and considering adding solar to their future energy plans, they need to know that the State continues to support these investments.

Forcing these districts onto the A-10 or E-19 rate schedule would significantly change that investment outlook.

We ask that you respect these investments and reject this request from PG&E.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anna Ferrera", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Anna Ferrera

cc: Governor Jerry Brown  
Commissioner Michel Peter Florio  
Commissioner Catherine J.K. Sandoval  
Commissioner Michael Picker  
Commissioner Carla J. Peterman