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October 7, 2015

Michael Picker, President
CA Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: San Diego Net Energy Metering Hearing

Dear President Picker:

I am writing on behalf of ratepayers and numerous solar companies employing thousands of people in my San Diego district who will be affected by the pending decision at the California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) on the net energy metering (NEM) 2.0 tariff. Little information has been released about what options may be under consideration. Consumers, a critical green industry, and important climate goals are left facing uncertainty and anxiety. To immediately remedy the legitimate uncertainty and anxiety plaguing many of my constituents, I formally request that the PUC conduct a substantive hearing or workshop in San Diego to analyze the pending NEM 2.0 proceedings as well as the potential impacts of options under consideration. My constituents deserve a genuine opportunity to hear and be heard.

San Diego is a state leader in rooftop solar, with more than 447 Megawatts, 66,153 installations, and thousands of solar industry employees. With San Diego's year-round sunny weather, my constituents will continue turning to solar power to reduce their energy use and costs, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Proceedings before the PUC regarding NEM 2.0 could alter the tariff so drastically that it deters my constituents and other Californians from investing in solar energy. That would hurt the thousands of solar employees in the San Diego region and further exacerbate the damaging consequences of climate change. Additionally, solar businesses in my district are concerned they will reach the cap for the current NEM tariff before the successor tariff is adopted, thus creating economic uncertainty in the marketplace. I urge the PUC to provide certainty for the solar community and consumers to protect investments in our green economy and continue California's national and global environmental leadership.

I urge you and the PUC to remedy the potentially devastating effects of this uncertainty. The PUC has been criticized for lack of transparency and disregard for economic impacts on consumers. It is critical that trust in the PUC be restored with transparency, information, and public input from the citizens and businesses that will be affected by the pending regulatory



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proceedings. An aggressive program of outreach and transparency about the NEM process and options under consideration will start to rebuild the public trust essential to the PUC's success.

I look forward to working with you in this endeavor and thank you for your assistance in meeting the concerns of my constituents and a vital California green industry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marty Block". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

MARTY BLOCK
State Senator, 39th District

cc. Commissioners