

July 3, 2019

The honorable Chris Holden
Chair, Assembly Committee on Utilities and Energy
State Capitol
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The Honorable Laura Friedman
Chair, Assembly Natural Resources Committee
State Capitol
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Re: SB 155 (Bradford) – OPPOSE

Dear Assemblymember Holden, Assemblymember Friedman and Committee Members:

The Marin Conservation League respectfully opposes SB 155 (Bradford), which would contravene the intent of California's landmark greenhouse gas emission law, SB 350 (de Leon, 2015), by requiring community choice aggregators (CCAs) such as MCE Clean Energy to lock in procurement decisions for up to ten years. This change would restrict the flexibility CCAs need to meet the State's climate goals.

The Marin Conservation League for eighty-five years has lead efforts to preserve, protect and enhance the natural environment of Marin County and, with its over eight hundred members, has supported MCE since its inception in efforts to curtail climate change through reducing human emissions of greenhouse gasses.

SB 350 requires the California Public Utility Commission (CPUC) to implement a process for integrated resource planning (IRP) to ensure that all load serving entities fulfill their roles in meeting California's greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals. We acknowledge that with a rapidly changing energy market and many new CCAs coming on line, there may be need for oversight and limited procurement to meet temporary needs during the transition period. However, the CPUC already has an Integrated Resource Plan review process underway which we believe should be allowed to reach conclusion. SB 155 threatens to short circuit that process and would not allow CCAs flexibility to meet their procurement needs through diversified energy resources, energy efficiency or new technologies that come on line in the near future.

We believe the legislature should allow the current CPUC proceeding to more carefully consider timing, quantity and location of any needed procurement beyond that which individual entities plan to provide – as well as the collective procurement needed to meet statewide greenhouse gas, reliability and cost efficiency goals. Indeed the CPUC has just issued a new scoping ruling in the IRP proceeding that will explore a possible procurement track and potential reliability issues.

Marin Conservation League urges a NO vote on SB 155.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Linda J. Novy".

Linda J. Novy
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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Doug Wilson".

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