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June 23, 2016

California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Subject: Application 14-05-024, PCIA Workshop and request for new venue for public comment

Honorable Commissioners,

We are writing to request that the Commission create a new venue for reconsidering the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA). Such a new venue should be empowered to receive input from affected parties and the public, to reconsider and evaluate the function and procedures of the PCIA, and to make changes where needed.

For over eighty years the Marin Conservation League has been preserving, protecting, and enhancing the natural resources of Marin County and has supported MCE Clean Energy since before its inception as a worthy ally in our efforts to mitigate the impacts of climate change.

The workshop you held in March of this year was useful and productive in airing the myriad of troublesome issues associated with the PCIA. However, the report of the Administrative Law Judge was completely unacceptable. Virtually all the issues raised by affected parties during that workshop were ruled by Judge Tseh to be "outside the scope of the current proceeding".

The CPUC created the PCIA and it created and defined the scope of the workshop. It is plainly within your power to create a venue capable of dealing with the issues that your public is concerned about, including issues of non-transparency, volatility, and basic equity.

Due to outcry over the Commission's approval in December 2015 of a substantial rise in the PCIA, a workshop in March was promised. Several dozen affected parties and individuals, including the Marin Conservation League, provided comments, most all of which seem to have been rejected.

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We respectfully and urgently request that you now create a new and appropriate venue for actually hearing and responding to the many substantial concerns raised in March, plus any additional concerns.

We await your response. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kate Powers". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kate Powers
President, Marin Conservation League

CC: State Senator Mike McGuire
Assemblymember Marc Levine
Marin County Supervisor Kate Sears
Marin County Supervisor Damon Connolly