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

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the City of Chula Vista via its City Council and its Sustainability Commission, we hereby submit this letter as public comment to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) with regard to proposed changes to Net Energy Metering 2.0 (NEM 2.0) via NEM 3.0. The City of Chula Vista is a City of approximately 275,000 residents. The City is very supportive of affordable residential solar energy use. Solar energy provides jobs to our community, reduces expenses for our residents, and protects the environment.

As part of the NEM update process, several competing proposals have been made. The City and its Sustainability Commission would ask that the CPUC adopt principles that keep solar energy viable and affordable for the public. The Local Government Sustainable Energy Coalition (LGSEC), which represents 14 cities and 23 counties and which the City of Chula Vista is a member, has submitted a public comment with specific proposals on how to keep solar energy affordable for the public and we are supportive. In addition, San Diego Community Power, of which Chula Vista is also a member, has submitted comments that we also support.

To further assist in the discussion on revising NEM and provide overall NEM policy goals we recommend the following:

- NEM should be strengthened to expand access to all households, particularly of low-and-moderate income;
- NEM should expand access to other clean energy technologies that pair with solar, such as batteries;
- NEM should ensure that the solar installations continue to grow in order to meet State and City climate goals; and;
- NEM should exclude provisions set forth in ~~the IOU~~any ~~p~~Proposal such as high monthly fixed fees and reducing or eliminating credits for sharing electricity with the power grid.

The above recommendations will keep solar energy viable and affordable for the public. The City of Chula Vista urges the CPUC to adopt a NEM 3.0 policy that ensures equitable and robust rooftop solar and battery adoption and does not burden non-solar low-income customers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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