Dear Members of the California Energy Commission:

Thank you for your leadership in keeping California at the forefront of clean energy policy. I am writing to urge you to establish a strong and transparent renewable energy program for the state’s publicly owned utilities (POUs).

According to a new report by the Union of Concerned Scientists, some utilities are well on their way towards reaching the 2020 goals, while others have a lot to do to catch up. The energy commission can help keep utilities on track by holding them accountable to make progress between compliance periods, and take actions to reduce perceived hurdles to reaching 33 percent renewables by 2020.

Specifically, the commission should specify how the utilities will make “reasonable progress” in their efforts to gradually increase their use of renewable energy between now and 2020, rather than being allowed to wait and then attempt to buy all their renewable power at the last minute. They can submit this kind of information in the annual reports that state law requires the utilities to file with the commission.

Thanks again for your leadership. Please do all you can to ensure there is strong oversight in how California’s POUs comply with the state’s vitally important renewable energy standard.

Sincerely,

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