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David Hochschild, Chair
California Energy Commission
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Re: Trinity Public Utility District Exemption from Solar Roof Mandate

Dear Chairman Hochschild,

I am writing in support of the Trinity Public Utility District's (TPUD) request that the California Energy Commission utilize its existing administrative authority, as it pertains to cost-effectiveness determination, to exempt TPUD from the recently adopted Solar Rooftop Mandate which takes effect January 2020.

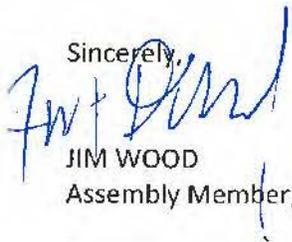
It is clear to me that the economic assumptions used to justify the mandate do not apply to Trinity County and therefore TPUD should rightly be exempted using your administrative authority. That being said, there is also a simple and practical reason to exempt the TPUD service territory from this mandate -- there is no environmental or GHG emission benefit to be gained from this mandate in the TPUD service territory.

My constituents in TPUD already receive 100 percent carbon-free electricity from hydropower. The hydropower in TPUD service territory is not supplemented from other energy sources, so a rooftop solar mandate does nothing to help the environment and only serves to increase the cost of housing in one of the most economically disadvantaged communities in the state.

I am aware that TPUD has worked diligently with your staff on its application for exemption for approximately a full year. It is my understanding that TPUD provided all the necessary information to allow the Commission to vote on its exemption at a Board meeting months ago, and up to this point the board has not taken action.

Because the Energy Commission has not yet acted on this application and with the effective date of this mandate coming on January 1, it appears that my constituents will be unnecessarily impacted by this costly mandate. I would request that the Commission schedule a vote on this exemption promptly and explain how any compliance obligations will be alleviated in the meantime.

Sincerely,


JIM WOOD
Assembly Member, District 2

cc: Commissioners: Drew Bohan, Executive Director

