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To the California Energy Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the approval of the Golden State Registry application. This application appears to be the next step in the making of a monopoly to squeeze out everyone but iPermit and Arcxis from the market. Arcxis has already commented that they want their discounts back. The Golden State Registry has the same people who worked for iPermit and still have people working within Arcxis. As the owner of a rating company, it would be nice to have a choice in providers but without transparency about what is going on, this could lead to an even bigger monopoly. The consolidation of rater companies and now iPermit owning a registry does not leave room for smaller raters. There must be clear guidelines on how smaller raters will be protected from the larger interests.

There needs to be more information from the CEC before GSR is approved.

Thank you,

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