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Additional submitted attachment is included below.



October 13, 2015

Commissioner Andrew McAllister
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Docket #15-BSTD-04

Recommendation to Maintain the Solar PV Compliance Credit as Currently Proposed

Dear Commissioner McAllister:

I write to you on behalf of the Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA) to express our strong support for the adoption of the PV Compliance Credit as proposed by Staff.

SEIA is the national trade association of the United States solar industry. Through advocacy and education, SEIA and its 1,000+ member companies work to make solar energy a mainstream and significant energy source by expanding markets, removing market barriers, strengthening the industry and educating the public on the benefits of solar energy.

As SEIA has stated previously in its public comments, the Staff's proposal for providing compliance credits for rooftop solar in the Title 24 building standards will provide an important incentive for homebuilders to continue to include solar in new housing construction and move California closer to meeting its 2020 Zero Net Energy (ZNE) goals for new residential construction. We agree with the California Building Industry Association (CBIA) that the proposal provides builders with important flexibility to use solar as part of the overall compliance package. We also believe that the PV compliance credit should remain in place for the entire 3-year duration of the 2016 Residential Building Energy Efficiency Standards.

Thank you for your consideration and please do not hesitate to contact me at 978-869-6845 with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brandon Smithwood", is placed above the printed name.

Brandon Smithwood
Manager, California State Affairs
Solar Energy Industries Association