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**Re: California Energy Commission Staff Workshop; Promotion of Regulatory Compliance in Installation of Central Air Conditioners and Heat Pump Systems.**

**[Docket 2017-EBP-01]**

Clean Power Research L.L.C. (CPR) hereby submits comments on the California Energy Commission (CEC) Staff Workshop; Promotion of Regulatory Compliance in Installation of Central Air Conditioners and Heat Pump Systems rescheduled on July 20, 2018. CPR, a 20 year old California company, is a leading provider of Software as a Service (SaaS) solutions for advancing the energy transformation.

Our SaaS solution, PowerClerk, is the leading online application processing tool for PV interconnection and incentives, and is used by over 35 utilities and agencies nationwide. One California example is the statewide CSI program, where PowerClerk was used to process over \$1B in PV incentives. Increasingly, our customers are using PowerClerk to manage application and registration processes for additional program types, including energy storage, electric vehicles, permitting, and energy efficiency.

CPR welcomes the opportunity to comment on this Workshop and ongoing CEC activity toward improved compliance to California's Title 24 Part 6 Building Energy Efficiency Standards. CPR supports California's efforts to insure quality HVAC installations which are aligned with State of California, consumer and manufacturer interests.

A number of comments in this docket have recommended adoption of an online registration portal to facilitate transparency and ease of use for contractors and other participants. Here are a few examples:

- Johnson Controls – “The CEC should focus its resources on creating a new, streamlined process, which is easily accessible (i.e. on-line) that is developed in conjunction with key stakeholder input and does not burden the channel with additional cost.”
- AHRI – “An obvious solution is to move to an online, user-friendly, uniform, statewide permitting process that will allow contractors to access the required portal at all hours and will allow for near immediate results.”
- Mitsubishi Electric – “Simplified permit processes including statewide on-line permit applications that can be completed in 10-minutes, better inspection scheduling processes and inspector convenience calls to minimize contractor down-time.”

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CPR agrees with these recommendations. A statewide, online, user-friendly portal is easily achievable with the proven PowerClerk solution. As a configurable SaaS application, PowerClerk can be configured and launched in a matter of a few months. PowerClerk offers its customers the best time-to-market of any program automation solution (whether built or bought) while also enabling the best user experience for agency staff and outside applicants.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey S. Reissler", followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Jeffrey S. Reissler  
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