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Additional submitted attachment is included below.





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California Energy Commission 1516 Ninth Street Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Written Comments on the final 2018 IEPR Update

Dear Commissioners:

Sierra Club California and Earthjustice would like to commend the California Energy Commission (CEC) on its Final Integrated Energy Policy Report 2018 Update.

We are happy to see the strong focus on the electrification of buildings. We agree that electrification is the most viable path to zero-emission buildings, and will also be key to integrating higher levels of renewable energy on the grid. This path is critical to phase out gas use and curb methane leakage. We urge the CEC to put the IEPR into action in the 2022 building code. Building electrification is decades behind EVs and solar, and we urge the Commission to pursue the electrification goals in the IEPR in a manner that expediently accelerates the electrification market while prioritizing California's most vulnerable and disadvantaged communities.

In sum, we are very pleased with the report and request that no changes be made to the Final Integrated Energy Policy Report 2018 Update. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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