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REACH Codes

Additional submitted attachment is included below.



December 11, 2019

Joint Letter of Concerned Parties

Dear Chairman Hochschild:

We are joining with over 110 cities and counties from Southern California representing nearly 8 million citizens in supporting balanced energy policy and consumer choice in energy service, and in preventing overreliance on any one energy source.

Today, we ask the CEC to pause in its consideration of REACH code approvals, currently on the CEC's December 11 meeting agenda. More time should be given to address reliability concerns and consumer impact.

In 1974 the Warren-Alquist Act created the CEC and charged it with several basic responsibilities:

- One was to become the siting authority for large electric generating projects to ensure reliability of California's energy system.
- Another was to establish and enforce uniform statewide building codes and appliance standards.
- Another was to become the energy policy and planning agency for the state. In this responsibility under the law the CEC was specifically charged to: ***“to encourage the balanced use of all sources of energy to meet the state's needs, and to seek to avoid possible undesirable consequences of reliance on a single source of energy.”***

The CEC's consideration of REACH codes undermines statewide building codes and appliance standards leading to a patchwork quilt of local rules, something the Warren-Alquist act intended to prevent. Consideration of policy to prohibit an energy resource from being chosen by California consumers is not a balanced approach to energy policy, and undermines the intent of the CEC's policy and planning function to prevent overreliance on one energy resource.

We respectfully ask the CEC to set aside any consideration of locally adopted REACH codes.

Thank you.