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Reject SMUD's proposal to disallow the installation of new domestic solar energy generating systems

Dear Docket Office,

Please oppose the proposal by the Sacramento utility to effectively keep solar panels and batteries from being put into new home construction.

SMUD's proposal will:

- * Discourage solar from being installed directly on new homes.
- * Make it harder for homeowners to add solar and storage later on.
- * Deny new residents the chance to save hundreds of dollars on their energy bills each year.
- * Deny new residents the ability to keep the lights on during blackouts.

If you approve this for Sacramento, every utility in the state will likely follow suit. This will gut the state's solar homes program at a time when we should be making it as easy as possible for our new neighbors to make and store their own solar energy at home and at work.

Solar energy systems are a part of a developing technology for promoting sustainable, carbon-free energy for everyone. In the mix are disposable income willingly spent by customers and property owners, advancements in battery technology, unpredictable net-metering rate changes by utilities, estimates of needs for electric vehicles and predicted capacity of proposed systems. The current system is paid for by property developers and owners and imposes minimal cost on public funds. The last thing we need to do during the development phase of the technology is to place limits on it. We're still on a steep learning curve and the technology needs to be encouraged and promoted.

SMUD's proposal is wrong-headed and needs to be rejected, outright.

Sincerely,
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