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## **Oppose SMUDs proposal to discriminate against rooftop solar**

Dear Docket Office,

The looming climate crisis is the biggest threat to our safety and security that we have ever faced. Reducing fossil carbon use and mitigating climate change is official State policy. Rooftop solar is one of the most effective tools we have to reduce fossil fuel use, and it has significant economic benefits to the owner and to the State.

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.

Public utilities must be regulated for the benefit of the public, not the utilities. Proposals that increase the utilities' natural monopoly and reduce options for customers should be rejected.

Sincerely,  
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