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Additional submitted attachment is included below.



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California Energy Commission

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Dear Commissioners,

I, Richard Skaff, Executive Director of Designing Accessible Communities, a 501C3 non-profit that advocates for the rights of people with disabilities, request that the Energy Commission reject SMUD's current SolarShares proposal and initiate an emergency rulemaking session to ensure that California's vulnerable seniors and people with disabilities have access to energy storage paired with solar. The recent power shutoffs and wildfires show the urgent need for these clean, safe solutions. When the grid goes down, energy storage paired with solar can (1) give power to life-saving medical equipment, (2) regulate the indoor temperature for vulnerable seniors and people with disabilities and (3) electronically open garage doors to allow those vulnerable seniors and people with disabilities to leave their homes or escape fires who do not have the ability or strength to manually open garage doors.

I commend the Energy Commission on using the 2019 building standards to encourage

