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Support for Electrification of Residential Construction

Dear Commissioners,

In the 2008 IEPR the policy goal was for all new residential construction to be net-carbon neutral. It was an audacious goal that provided direction for state energy policy. There have been significant reductions in the cost of renewable energy and of options now available to consumers. However, it was a prescient goal and it is now time to codify electrification of all new residential construction. I electrified our 60 year-old home last year and removed the natural gas meter. And with the purchase of 100% renewable electricity, our home is carbon-free. I endorse your approval of appropriate new standards to electrify homes.

Sincerely,

Jeff Byron

Former California Energy Commissioner