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Provide Timely Smart Meter data to CCAs and OhmConnect

We support the April 23 Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE) comments to the CEC, especially that you ensure all IOUs provide all CCAs and other demand response services, such as OhmConnect, with daily Smart Meter data to enable forecasts and support smooth grid functioning. What we have learned is that in the IOUs are not making it easy for CCAs to fully access all of the specific Smart Meter data to correctly forecast demand, which directly contributed to causing the rolling blackouts last August 2020 in the Final Root Cause Analysis. This is illegal. The CPUC knows it is illegal and shows no sign of requiring that IOUs make it right.

We endorse the concept of a single, centralized permission-based information access platform managed by a government or non-profit entity that includes machine readable rates as well as all other data that customers may choose to share with third parties, such as OhmConnect, to seamlessly deploy demand flexibility solutions (interval data, billing data, emissions signal, DRP status, etc.).

To the best of our understanding regulatory capture by the IOUs is preventing rapid development of the potential for resilient energy management on the distribution side. It is time for innovative policies so that the public and industrial ratepayers are incentivized to participate in the best energy conservation, efficiency, generation, storage AND demand response climate solutions available.