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RE: 2022 Energy Code Update Rulemaking Comments on Building Decarbonization

Dear Commissioners:

Sonoma Clean Power, (SCP) the public power provider for Sonoma and Mendocino counties, submits this letter of support for the California Energy Commission's (CEC) draft code language (Express Terms) for 2022 Title 24 efficiency standards.

Within the Sonoma Clean Power service territory, emissions from buildings account for 22 percent of total greenhouse gas emissions.<sup>1</sup> With our mission to turn the tide on the climate crisis, Sonoma Clean Power supports the actions of the CEC to push towards energy efficient, electric homes. To support building decarbonization and those jurisdictions within our service territory that have implemented reach codes, Sonoma Clean Power established the Advanced Energy Build and Advanced Energy Rebuild programs. <sup>2</sup> These programs provide up to \$17,500 in incentives for all-electric homes powered by renewable energy. Sonoma Clean Power also recently opened our Advanced Energy Center<sup>3</sup>, funded in part through a CEC EPIC grant, which offers \$2 million in rebates as well as 0% financing for building decarbonization retrofit projects.

Sonoma Clean Power appreciates the CEC's leadership in promoting efficient, low-carbon building solutions that align with California's climate goals, and we urge future endeavors that would support all-electric new construction within the Sonoma Clean Power service territory. Progress in the new construction space allows SCP to focus resources and financial assistance to the task of retrofitting existing homes and businesses and ensuring that all of our customers have access to low-carbon, safe, and healthy homes.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://rcpa.ca.gov/data-and-reports/sonoma-county-greenhouse-gas-inventory/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://sonomacleanpower.org/customer-programs

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> https://www.utilitydive.com/press-release/20210616-this-ca-public-power-provider-istaking-lead-on-bidens-electrification-goa/



Sincerely,

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