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## **CalCERTS Reply to Cease & Desist Letter**

Additional submitted attachment is included below.

August 25, 2022



Via CEC Docket 22-HERS-02

The information in the <u>cease-and-desist</u> letter published to this docket on August 23, 2023, (TN 251782) contains false and misleading information relative to CalCERTS, Inc.

Immediately upon receipt of the letter on Friday August 10, 2023, CalCERTS replied to the California Energy Commission (CEC) with information and evidence to prove that the letter was false and misleading and conflated the RESNET Index Score, the Commission's pilot, and the California Whole House Program. The letter also misconstrued both state and federal regulations, compliance software tools, and industry programs. Prior to any meetings with the CEC to resolve these issues a CEC staffer released the letter for public distribution. This is harmful because it has caused confusion for stakeholders and improperly defamed CalCERTS.

CalCERTS met with CEC leadership on the afternoon of August 23, 2023. This meeting included Deputy Director Will Vicent, Efficiency Division Director Mike Sokol, and Assistant Chief Counsel, Brent Plater. The meeting was productive and CalCERTS was able to provide the history and technical expertise to show how the cease-and-desist letter was erroneous. CEC Leadership promised to review the information and evidence provided by CalCERTS, the regulatory schemes and programs at issue, and to provide a response. CalCERTS looks forward to working with the Commission and to providing our technical experience and expertise to address these issues.

Sincerely,

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