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To: CEC

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Re: IRA/HEEHRA rebate program status

Hello, I have been watching the unbelievably slow progress of your commission on setting up the State's IRA and HEEHRA energy rebate programs for your citizens. Based on what I have seen so far (on your postings list), I think your Commission is failing miserably at acting in a timely manner!

I have been a GREEN Architect practicing in this State for 35+ years. Over those years, I have worked with a variety of incentive/ rebate programs for myself and multiple institutional, agency, and private clients. I am now retired and have had more time to watch your Commission. I have am extremely surprised at the number of your side steps taken to satisfy the whims of special interests (future contractors, suppliers, advocacy lobbyists, etc) with extended public comment periods, workshops, etc. What you really need to do instead is to roll out of a vitally needed electrification program for our state. All I can say after reviewing 60 plus comments over the last 10 months (with no responses), you have made the start of this energy saving program wallow in the mud.

Sadly, I am left to conclude that the CEC is beholdng to the gas utilities due to your lack of interest in moving your administrative responsibility forward quickly. With your slow action (effectively inaction), it seems you are supporting the variety of private business entities that have responded so you can tailor the program to their wants/needs instead the customers/ citizens.

This infrastructure bill was passed into federal law in August 2022, and you have since very little except stall. California was the leading champion on sustainable actions in our Country, but clearly no longer based on this lack of action. A pro-active Commission could have been setting up the fundamentals of this program while waiting for the final federal guidelines issued later in 2023. That way the program could have been in place by now with citizens actively switching over their gas heating systems and major appliances to electric to reduce natural gas consumption/ pollution.

At this rate, the rebates will not be available for contractors/ customers to receive these incentives before the national election in November. Sadly, I feel strongly that your commission is stalling, maybe even hoping the Act gets repealed when Fossil Fuel motivated congressmen, senators, and the current Republican Presidential candidate can get into office.

I formally request that private homeowners/ renters be allowed to directly purchase and install the simple products, like condensing dryers, and induction stoves. That piece of the program can then be streamlined for quick implementation by simply assigning a % of the funding amount received for that component. If other components are more complicated (heating systems for example), assign a % for those systems and then finish taking the time to set up the rules for those portions. But please realize every day that goes by could reduce the amount of rebates used due to potential repeal by future political actions.

In conclusion, please get this program underway! It is time to quit taking comments (your website says it started in December of 2023, but I have been reading comments for a long time (after subscribing roughly 9-10 months ago), so quit fumbling around and get your job done.

Kevin Krumdieck, Architect