



# Consumers Coalition of California

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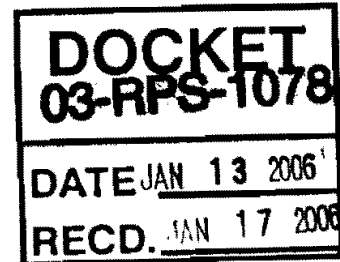
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RE: Docket No. 03-RPS-1078 and Docket No. 02-REN-1038

John L. Geesman, Commissioner and Presiding Member  
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 Renewables Committee  
 California Energy Commission  
 1516 Ninth Street, MS-12  
 Sacramento, Ca. 95814-5512



C/o California Energy Commission Docket Office  
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RE: COMMENTS ON ADOPTION OF THE RENEWABLES VERIFICATION REPORT

Dear California Energy Commission:

Consumers Coalition of California (CCC) is an advocacy and educational organization, active in California since 1984. CCC has testified before the California Legislature in the areas of divestiture of the electric and telephone industries. Other issues have also included Transportation and Air Management District hearings.

(CCC) has also been active in matters pertaining to energy, beginning with the implementation of all-electric homes, which in its day was an important step towards providing clean energy in the residential environment. The energy crisis, and the ascending costs of providing energy, and the emergence of rolling blackouts made this technology too expensive to pursue. The deliverability of electricity to the all electric homes and residential apartments placed an unwarranted burden on the systems, raised the cost of delivery to the consumer, and served to negate the many expedient uses of electricity in the time of crisis.

The ability to breathe clean air in the home with the use of Renewables with its cost savings, can once more, make these residences and residential apartments available to lower the problems of unbreathable air adding to the health problems and climbing costs of health care in California, especially in smog bound southern California.



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CCC believes that the clarifications of communications between the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and the Department of Energy (DOE) will speed the process by which the Investor Owned Utilities (IOU) can move forward. Once a vision, Renewables (RPS) are now a necessity if California is going to serve the energy users of the state. Comparing the baseline of the CPUC'S and the DOE'S annual procurement targets is a necessary step in coordinating usage and procurement by each investor owned facility. While it is necessary to establish a methodology for reviewing and implementing the uses of Renewables, it is also expedient that the reporting does not take precedence over the implementation of projects.

Delivery to the long suffering consumer, and incentives to pursue these new sources of energy should be of the first importance. Delivering credits, to the home and business builders and consumers that are of value in encouraging installations, should be of prime concern. Relieving the pressure of the Investor Owned Utilities (IOU) to report and to re-report with ever moving requirements simply causes unnecessary delay and expense in implementing a system.

Also, in our view, a task force should be convened to examine the impact of meter reading on Renewables for the small user as well as the cost of increments not addressed in the report. The task force might also, re-consider the incentives for change, and examine the information to be given to the consumer.

Thank you for allowing us to submit our views.

*Virginia Jarrow*

Virginia Jarrow, President

CC: January 9, 2006,

Letter to President Michael Peevey and the CPUC.



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President Michael Peevey  
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Dear President Peevey:

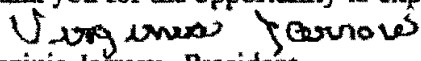
The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and the Department of Energy is, in our view, once again showing initiative in proposing to resolve current problems with energy delivery and usage affecting the future of the state. Consumers Coalition (CCC) believes that the proposed California Solar Initiative (CSI) is vital to the future economy and growth of the state.

The slow building of power plants for energy distribution has not always been economically feasible. Although Calpine has brought on-line 600 MW of power in San Jose, as well as the Pastoria power plant near Bakersfield, will this consistently be enough power for the growing needs of California? The Photovoltaic Technology increase in incentive funding can help to free California residents and commerce from the high costs of generation. Solar does not pollute and air could become breathable again. While solar is expensive, costs are coming down. We can also hope that the pressure on medical needs from the current breathing problems and asthma will also help to relieve the burden of initial costs. Green house emissions need to be addressed in California. California is the 12<sup>th</sup> largest emitter of greenhouse gas in the world.

There must always be a beginning, and if we wait for more research, are we not ignoring the most important research of all, the lessons to be learned from practical application. CCC also asks of the affect on power transmission. With solar panels easing the burden of transmitting energy from gas, coal and oil, is it not wise to subsidize a system that can ease California dependency?

CCC also believes that in the future, the legislature must address the following issues. Require builders to initiate solar power usage in new homes, ensure that power customers receive credits for generating more energy than they can use, and require municipalities to initiate their own solar energy programs.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our views.

  
Virginia Jarrow, President

CC: Commissioner Geoffrey Brown  
Commissioner Dian Gruenich  
Commissioner John Bohn