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cc: Sec. Mike Chrisman, Exec. Director Jackalyne Pfannenstiel

I take umbrage at your commission's proposal to allow energy companies to control customers' thermostats. Sir, yours is a commission that would make the moochers and looters of Ayn Rand's "Atlas Shrugged" proud. "Letting everyone share the pain," as you put it, is a slippery slope that we as a free people cannot permit, not even for one second.

Instead of putting any effort into this Big Brother-esque proposal to control our homes' temperatures, you should focus your commission's impressive talents and resources on substantially expanding the electrical generating capacity of California. It is absolutely disgraceful that California should even have to utter the words: "rolling blackout." You should promote the relaxation of regulatory requirements on plant construction, provide additional tax credits to electric generators, incentivize R&D and basic scientific research, encourage tax rate reductions, etc...

Energy abundance quite literally represents America's currency in the world! The more inexpensive and relatively clean energy we have, the more wealth we will earn as individuals and as a country, and the more innovative our industries will be. To insert an additional Ayn Rand reference, your job, as OUR elected and appointed representatives, is to unleash our "motive power" and NOT to limit it!

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