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RE: Docket No. 13-IEP-1 – Comments on Petition for Societal Cost-Benefit
Evaluation of California's Net Energy Metering Program

Dear Commissioner McAllister,

Silicon Valley Leadership Group, on behalf of its member companies, would like to thank the
California Energy Commission (CEC) for the opportunity to comment on the petition
submitted on June 5, 2013 by the American Lung Association in California and other parties
requesting that the Energy Commission perform a societal cost-benefit evaluation of
California's Net Energy Metering (NEM) Program. We write to express our support for the
petition and request that the CEC perform the societal cost-benefit study requested by the
petitioners.

NEM is helping achieve California's clean energy and climate change goals, including the
goal set by Governor Brown to install 12 GW of local clean energy distributed generation by
2020 and the CEC's goals for the New Solar Homes Partnership and Zero Net Energy for
new homes and commercial buildings. The Leadership Group supports NEM for
homeowners, businesses, schools and governments seeking to invest in clean energy sources.

In addition, net metering can provide significant economic, job creation, and air quality
benefits. These societal benefits should be quantified for consideration by policy-makers, and
this data will supplement the forthcoming cost-effectiveness evaluation of net metering by the
California Public Utilities Commission, which has taken the lead in implementing the state's
net metering law. On behalf of our member companies, which include clean tech companies,
large end users, universities, investors, and renewable energy companies, we respectfully ask
that you grant the petition and perform a societal cost-benefit study of the NEM program.

The Silicon Valley Leadership Group, founded in 1978 by David Packard of Hewlett-
Packard, represents more than 375 of Silicon Valley's most respected employers on issues,
programs and campaigns that affect the economic health and quality of life in Silicon Valley,
including energy, transportation, education, housing, health care, tax policies, economic
vitality and the environment.

Thank you for considering our comments. If you have any questions, please contact
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Sincerely,

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