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Re: **Staff Draft of the New Solar Homes Partnership Guidebook (9th Edition)** [Docket Number 06-NSHP-01]

Dear Staff,

Thank you for the opportunity to review and provide comment on the proposed program revisions included in the Draft NSHP Guidebook, 9th Edition. As always, we appreciate the opportunity to work closely with CEC staff to continue to improve and expand the New Solar Homes Partnership initiative.

SunPower recognizes the detailed and thoughtful consideration CEC Staff has been making this year with regards to simplifying the NSHP program administration. We appreciate and agree with these draft changes to the NSHP Guidebook and support the adoption for 9th Edition as the Draft has been written.

SunPower respectfully submits the following comments in reference to the current review and Draft adoption of NSHP Guidebook, 9th Edition.

PV System Verification:

SunPower would like the CEC to consider alternative methods to provide PV Installation Verification (PV-2) for scenarios where power is not readily available to the site or weather is test condition prohibitive during the course of the home's construction, prior to the homeowner moving in. Once a homeowner moves in – it can be very difficult to gain access to the garage to view the inverter for a Performance Evaluation in a timely manner, let alone gain access for 2 (two) Performance Evaluations – one by Installer for PV-2 and a subsequent visit by HERS Rater for PV-3. Inability to complete both PV-2 & PV-3 performance inspections due to homeowner unresponsiveness is our #1 contributor to our NSHP rebate claim backlog.

We would greatly appreciate the ability to discuss this particular inspection issue and scenario in more detail with CEC Staff to review all potential concerns and alternative solutions which might be available for use, while also maintaining CEC NSHP objective and remaining within desired program guidelines.

Again, we appreciate the support and the open forum the Commission always extends to the public to help promote and facilitate NSHP program success.

If you should have any questions or need further clarification of any items in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me at 916-692-7691.

Sincerely,



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