

CalCCA Weighs in on CPUC “Green Book” En Banc *A Report in Search of a Problem*

CalCCA experts testified at today’s CPUC public hearing on the Commission’s draft customer choice white paper, a report that raises false alarms and undermines advancements made to diversify and improve our energy system.

According to CalCCA, the CPUC’s draft paper, California Customer Choice: An Evaluation of Regulatory Framework Options for an Evolving Electricity Market (a.k.a. “Green Book”), and the Commission’s accompanying media promotion is full of dire claims about an impending energy crisis and vague recommendations that aren’t backed up by data or specifics.

“The draft ‘Green Book’ is a report in search of a problem,” said CalCCA Executive Director Beth Vaughan. “It is more about protecting and expanding the CPUC’s role than solving any issues with the state’s energy market.”

“CCAs are an integral part of the California Legislature’s plan to prevent a major breakdown in our energy market and meet the state’s climate change goals,” said Kate Sears, Marin County Supervisor and a member of the Marin Clean Energy Board of Directors. “Governed by robust legislation and regulatory requirements, CCAs are performing as intended – providing reliable, affordable and clean energy to local customers and delivering innovative programs that address both local needs and state goals.”

“With nearly 20 CCAs serving over four million consumers, the concept of customer choice in electricity providers has been embraced in communities across California,” said Vaughan. “CCAs were created to make energy markets less risky and protect ratepayers. They are serving consumers as intended, all while offering innovative new programs.”

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About CalCCA: California Community Choice Association supports the development and long-term sustainability of locally-run Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) electricity providers in California. CalCCA is the authoritative, unified voice of local CCAs, offering expertise on local energy issues while promoting fair competition, consumer choice and cost allocation and recognizing the social and economic benefits of localized energy authorities.

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