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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,

The Los Angeles Business Council 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, more than half of which is expected to come from behind-the-meter solar PV. With clean energy being one of the key initiatives of the Los Angeles Business Council, NEM is a core public policy that has contributed to this initiative, and California's early adoption of NEM has contributed significantly to its status as the national leader installed solar capacity and solar industry jobs.

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.

Thank you for considering our comments. We look forward to working with you on support of this evaluation.

Best regards,

Mary Leslie
President