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To: California Energy Commission

From: Association of California Community and Energy Services (ACCES)

Re: California Solar Initiative and New Solar Homes Partnership Affordable Housing comments

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The members of the Association of California Community and Energy Services (ACCES) are non-profit organizations which provide a variety of services for low income households throughout the state. We submit these California Solar Initiative and New Solar Homes Partnership Affordable Housing comments.

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and the California Department of Community Services and Development (DCSD) each oversee programs which utilize dozens of non-profit organizations for the installation of energy efficiency measures in the dwellings of low-income families. A portion of the California Solar Initiative's ten percent set-aside should be integrated into these programs.

The CPUC's Low Income Energy Efficiency (LIEE) program and DCSD's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) each locate, assess, and serve thousands of low-income dwellings each year. In both programs, energy efficiency measures and energy education are provided at no cost to qualified low-income households. The CPUC and the CEC should consider adding appropriate solar measures to the menu of measures that are currently installed in the LIEE and LIHEAP programs. This could include, but not be limited to:

- Solar attic fans
- Solar security lighting
- Small Solar cottage kits which run small electrical items such as clocks, DVD players, radios and small appliances.
- Solar hot water systems

We believe it would be useful and efficient to install thousands of "small solar" measures in low income homes, at no cost to the occupants, utilizing the existing low-income programs and the network of non-profit and for-profit contactors which provide those energy efficiency services.

We expect to more fully examine the issues when the regulated energy utilities submit to the CPUC their plans for the PY 2007 - 2008 LIEE program.

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