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RE: Docket No. 12-BSTD-1. Comments Supporting the 2013 Building Energy Efficiency Standards Rulemaking

Dear Commissioners,

The Sempra Energy Utilities appreciates the opportunity to comment in support of the 2013 Building Energy Efficiency Standards.

The proposed 2013 Building Energy Efficiency Standards (Title 24, Parts 6, 1, and 11) energy savings projections indicate the new standards will save large amounts of energy (both electricity and natural gas) reducing statewide annual electricity consumption by approximately 464 gigawatt-hours per year, electrical peak demand by 139 megawatts, and natural gas consumption by 11 million therms per year.

To facilitate the savings projections the proposed standards encourage future solar electric and thermal systems, improve residential building envelopes, improve lighting and lighting controls, add building commissioning, add requirements for process loads (most notably data centers), expand acceptance testing and data collection, and establish reach codes for "green buildings."

We would like to thank the Commissioners and the Commission staff for their work on the proposed rulemaking.

Sincerely,

Tamara Rasberry