



December 10, 2019

The Honorable Gavin Newsom, Governor
State of California
1303 10th Street, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Letter of Concern Regarding Access to Safe and Reliable Energy

Dear Governor Newsom,

On behalf of the City of Rocklin, I wish to express concerns regarding the PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoffs ("PSPS") and PG&E's inability to provide reliable and safe energy to its customers. While we understand that PG&E's goal is to protect our citizens and businesses from wildfires, the shutoffs have had a devastating impact on the communities within Placer County. We urge you to require PG&E to find alternative solutions to the current PSPS program and to properly maintain its infrastructure throughout the State.

Access to consistent power is a necessity for the health and welfare of our residents and businesses. PSPS endanger our most vulnerable citizens, forcing many to leave their homes (if possible) to charge medical devices or escape freezing temperatures. With places of employment closed and lack of power to refrigerate food, low-income residents are faced with concerns about paying monthly bills and replacing spoiled food to feed their families.

The economic impacts of the PSPS for the City of Rocklin, Placer County and California as a whole are also widespread. Every sector of the business community in Placer County has been affected, with businesses reporting thousands of dollars of lost revenue for each day they are closed.

In the City of Rocklin specifically, sections of the City with at risk populations lost power and critical government services were diminished during PSPS events. In particular, police and fire department operations were jeopardized due to loss of power to fueling services, communication facilities and information technology support.

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We need to identify wildfire prevention solutions that don't leave millions of Californians without power. Therefore, the City of Rocklin respectfully requests that you work with PG&E, the California Public Utilities Commission and state legislators to find an alternative to the PSPS Program.

Sincerely,

CITY OF ROCKLIN

_____, Mayor

cc: Hon. Marybel Batjer, President, and Commissioners, CPUC
Mr. William Johnson, CEO, Pacific Gas & Electric Company