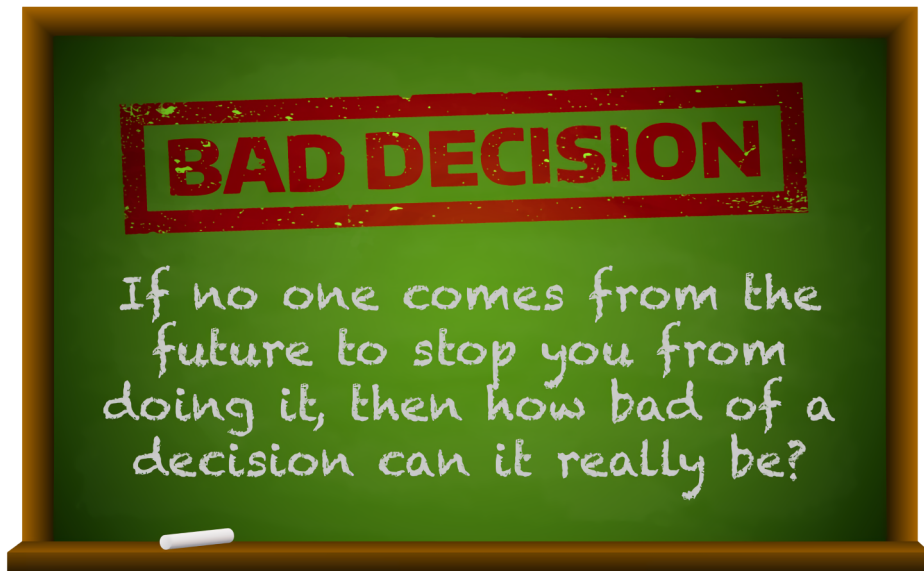




Public Utility Commission is testing if time travel is possible...



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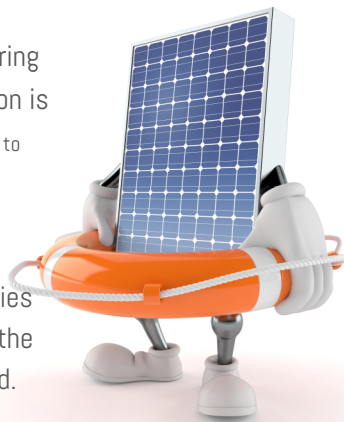
Don't Wait Until It Is Too Late..

Homeowners are being offered **15 years** of grandfathering by California's Public Utilities Commission if application is approved before **MAY 2022**. * Application process can take up to 90 days in some scenarios.

INSIDE:

Preliminary BAD DECISION from California Public Utilities Commission effectively feeds the rich while it buries the poor! It's supposed to be the future is green, not greed.

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Frequently Asked Questions re: BAD DECISION from PUC

Q: Should clients expect NEM 2.0 until there is a final decision from the CPUC on the NEM program?

A: Yes – Clients are scheduled to qualify under the current NEM program –NEM 2.0 - until any future NEM program is established via a final decision and the implementation date of the new NEM program is clear. Tentatively, May 2022 is when changes to NEM 3.0 begin.

Q: When will the NEM program changes be made in the final decision take effect, and how can we ensure customers who have purchased systems under NEM 2.0 are grandfathered into the NEM 2.0 tariff?

A: Nothing issued in December 2021, is binding or final. We expect the Governor and CPUC to ensure fair consumer protection, like previous decisions on NEM program changes.

Q: What do you expect will be the impact of this decision on the market?

A: It's too soon to tell. This is just a proposed decision. We expect the final decision to be different from the proposed decision and are cautiously optimistic that we will see improvements in the final decision. This is due to two primary reasons: changes in staffing and leadership at the CPUC that will take effect following the issuance of the proposed decision and continued public pressure on Governor Newsom.

Q: How will this effect the solar movement in California?

A: It's too soon to say what the impacts are. This is just a proposed decision. We are cautiously optimistic that the final decision will be reasonable and establish regulatory certainty for a long period following the final decision.

Q: What can we do to mitigate this establish regulatory certainty for a long period following the final decision/proposed decision?

A: This is just a proposed decision. No mitigation to our business plans are needed at this time. We have many options from a business strategy perspective. Right now, our efforts are focused on working with the Governor, the CPUC (including the incoming CPUC Chair) and our very robust and diverse coalition of solar advocates on common-sense improvements that should be made in the final decision.

Q: Are there any upsides?

A: We look forward to long-term stability and transparency after the final decision, and we are excited about the possibility to further incentivize storage, which is a critical need in California and elsewhere.

Q: Can you lower costs to offset these extra charges and lower rates?

A: The distributed solar industry has lowered costs significantly and will likely continue to do so.

What Is More Equitable Than the Sun?



By Mark Fiore. Article courtesy of KQED.

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In a move welcomed by utilities like PG&E, California energy regulators proposed to dramatically cut incentives for residential solar, claiming that it would make electricity rates more equitable.

The utilities' argument is that households with rooftop solar aren't paying their fair share due to "net energy metering" that credits homeowners for the electricity they put into the grid.

People without solar (including people who may have lower incomes or people of color) pay more on their monthly utility bill because they haven't put any electricity into the grid and don't have the advantage of net metering.

So utilities and the California Public Utilities Commission want to slash the amount ratepayers with solar are credited and charge them much more every month for the privilege of being able to connect their solar panels to the grid. Presto! Equity achieved!

Unsurprisingly, the logic behind their reasoning makes about as much sense as paying out dividends to your shareholders instead of maintaining your ancient, outdated transmission lines.

Here's an idea: How about we get more solar on the roofs of people with lower incomes rather than undermine incentives that are making California a residential solar success story?

Citing data from Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, the Sacramento Bee pointed out that nearly half of the households who installed solar in 2019 had incomes less than \$100,000.

It turns out the rich-poor divide in solar is not nearly what the utilities are making it out to be. Not to mention, the impact of climate change falls more heavily on people with lower incomes and people of color. Let's keep the sun shining on solar energy.



They only got one letter wrong. While most of US and our children's children want us to go GREEN, CPUC and PG&E appear to believe California's future is GREED.