

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking Concerning  
Energy Efficiency Rolling Portfolios,  
Policies, Programs, Evaluation and  
Related Issues.

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THE CALIFORNIA EFFICIENCY + DEMAND MANAGEMENT COUNCIL  
ON PROPOSED DECISION GRANTING SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL  
ENERGY NETWORK'S MOTION TO AUTHORIZE USE OF UNSPENT ENERGY  
EFFICIENCY FUNDING FOR CALIFORNIA ENERGY EFFICIENCY COORDINATING  
COMMITTEE COMPENSATION PILOT**

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**I. INTRODUCTION**

The California Efficiency + Demand Management Council<sup>1</sup> (“The Council”) respectfully submits these Opening Comments on the Proposed Decision Granting Southern California Regional Energy Network’s Motion to Authorize Use of Unspent Energy Efficiency Funding for California Energy Efficiency Coordinating Committee Compensation Pilot (“Proposed Decision” or “PD”), mailed in R.13-11-005 (Energy Efficiency Rolling Portfolio) on March 3, 2023. These Opening Comments are timely filed and served pursuant to Rule 14.3 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure and the instructions accompanying the Proposed Decision.

**II. BACKGROUND**

The Council is a statewide trade association of non-utility businesses and organizations that provide energy efficiency (“EE”), demand response (“DR”), distributed energy resources (“DER”) and data analytics services and products in California. Our member companies and organizations employ many thousands of Californians throughout the state. They include EE, DR, DER, and grid services technology providers, implementation and evaluation experts, energy service companies, engineering and architecture firms, contractors, financing experts, workforce training.

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<sup>1</sup> The views expressed by the California Efficiency + Demand Management Council are not necessarily those of its individual members.

**III. OPENING COMMENTS**

The Council supports the Proposed Decision which grants Southern California Regional Energy Network (“SoCalREN’s”) motion seeking authorization for energy efficiency program administrators to use already authorized energy efficiency funds totaling up to \$185,000 to fund a Compensation Pilot that would address a financial barrier to historically underrepresented groups from participating in California Energy Efficiency Coordinating Committee (“CAEECC”) activities.

The CAEECC compensation pilot re: Composition, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Working Group will help improve member makeup and address ESJ Action Plan goals, to develop pathways for improved participation in CAEECC activities, and to inform future EE programs.

The Council believes this is a reasonable and prudent use of unspent funds and is consistent with the other efforts to embed equity and environmental justice at the Commission.

**IV. CONCLUSION**

The Council appreciates the opportunity to provide Opening Comments on the Proposed Decision.

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