

July 11, 2023

The Honorable Toni Atkins
Chair, Senate Rules Committee
State Capitol, Room 400
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Confirmation of Karen Douglas, California Public Utilities Commission – Support

Dear President Pro Tempore Atkins,

On behalf of the California Efficiency + Demand Management Council (Council), I enthusiastically support Karen Douglas's confirmation as Commissioner for the California Public Utilities Commission.

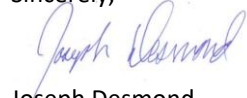
The Council is a trade association representing a wide range of companies that provide energy efficiency and demand management services and products in California, although our organization does not include utilities. We represent companies that design, implement, maintain, and evaluate energy efficiency and demand management solutions and employ thousands of people who play an important role in California's economy.

Douglas has been a leader and advocate for effective policies to address key challenges posed by climate change and the energy transition throughout her career. While serving as Senior Advisor for Energy in the Office of Governor Newsom, Karen demonstrated her understanding of the energy sector's complexities when advocating for actions and policies to ensure grid reliability as California transitions to a clean energy economy. As a California Energy Commission (CEC) Member from 2008 to 2022, she was the lead Commissioner for many initiatives, including Siting; Transmission; Environmental Protection; Equity; and Contingency Planning. Before the CEC, Douglas was Director of the California Climate Initiative for the Environmental Defense Fund from 2005 to 2008. Commissioner Douglas earned a Juris Doctor degree from Stanford Law School and a Master of Public Policy in Environmental Policy from the University of Colorado Boulder.

On a personal note, I am privileged to have worked alongside Karen Douglas as a colleague and fellow Commissioner at the CEC; she has a tremendous work ethic and is always a fair and consistent broker of diverse and competing perspectives.

The Council appreciates Douglas' support of the State's priorities regarding efficient energy use, increased energy reliability, and affordability for all consumers. For the above reasons, the Council respectfully urges your support for Douglas' confirmation to the Public Utilities Commission. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Joseph Desmond
Executive Director
California Efficiency + Demand Management Council

CC: Members, Senate Rules Committee