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Comments:

Grid reliability

As you consider approving plans to add large load customers to the electric power grid, please know my concerns and expectations are that they pay their own way, they fund grid expansion to handle their needs, they bring their own water, they fund deficiencies in current fire fighting equipment so that fire companies serving the large load customer are able to control any fires.

Large load customer: defined thresholds are too high. Lower to a bottom of 20 megawatts, or peak loads equal to or exceeding 2500 megawatts, loads of 1 megawatt or more specific to electric distribution companies.

Large load customers need to fund grid expansion, in full, provide upfront financial security for the expansion, and continue to pay in full for its consumption. These large load customers need to be tied to long-range proactive maintenance and upkeep of the grid and, again, coverage the cost.

Residential and small businesses, not the large load users, need to be prioritized so that service continues uninterrupted and, occasionally when there is a power outage, given priority restoration.

Emergency plans need to be defined regarding the separation of large loads from active distribution, and rules that define protecting the grid and delivery of electricity to residential customers and small businesses.

Insist on transparency. Develop reporting requirements that are publicly available quarterly and annually.

Halt any pending approvals until binding regulations are in place. An entity wants to add a large load? Before approval can be considered, what grid improvements are needed to support it? Where are the secured funds and guarantee of payment for those improvements.

Disallow any construction of a large load customer until grid improvements are in place.

What fire protection does the large load customer have in place? What fire fighting needs are at risk? Lithium-battery fire fighting concerns need to be addressed up front.

Adopt the guidance in the Ratepayer Protection Act (Senate Bill 1114).

My residential electric rate already is out of control. I absolutely do not want to be paying for any large load customer, now and in future.

Sincerely,
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