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City of Sebastopol

June 6, 2018

The Honorable Bill Dodd
Member of the Senate
State Capitol, Room 5050
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 1088 (Dodd) – Oppose Unless Amended

Dear Senator Dodd:

The City of Sebastopol is writing to express its opposition to SB 1088 as amended on May 2, 2018 due to the potential impacts of the legislation on our local rate payers that participate in Sonoma Clean Power (SCP). SCP is a not-for-profit public agency operated by the Cities of Cloverdale, Cotati, Fort Bragg, Petaluma, Point Arena, Rohnert Park, Santa Rosa, Sebastopol, Sonoma, Willits, Windsor, and the Counties of Sonoma and Mendocino. SCP generates electricity for its customers in Sonoma County, including the City of Sebastopol, and Mendocino County from cleaner sources with lower emissions at about the same price as PG&E. Since its inception in 2014, SCP has managed to save its customers over \$79 million in on-bill savings.

The City of Sebastopol is very supportive of your leadership on the fire recovery efforts and appreciates the intent of SB 1088 by adopting standards for reducing risks from future fires by requiring the electrical corporations to submit a safety, reliability, and resiliency plan to the California Public Utilities Commission.

However, as a member of SCP, the City of Sebastopol is very concerned with the language found in SB 1088 related to reliability and distributed energy resources. The City of Sebastopol supports your efforts to make electricity service more reliable but takes issue with language in the bill that would prevent public community choice power programs from participating in reliability, as they do today.

The language in SB 1088 is too broad and does not acknowledge CCA's existing role in providing a reliable grid. The City of Sebastopol believes it is very important to maintain the CPUC's existing oversight process over these expenditures. SB 1088 is vague and opens the door to the possibility that CCA customers would be required to pay for reliability needs twice.

In order to resolve the reliability concerns, the City of Sebastopol supports Sonoma Clean Power's ask for the following to be inserted between 2899.2 (c) 2 and 3:

"In reviewing the plans, the Commission shall ensure that plans do not duplicate safety and reliability investments and services provided by third parties including community choice aggregators and direct access providers. Community choice aggregators shall have the opportunity to self-procure safety and reliability resources identified in the plan consistent with Section 366.2(a)(5) and Section 380(b)(4)."

The City of Sebastopol does not believe it is your intent to increase costs or to block competition. Thank you for your consideration of the City of Sebastopol's comments on proposed SB 1088.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "PAT SLAYTER". The signature is stylized with large, bold letters and a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Patrick Slayter
Mayor