

Item 11: CEA Power Supply Options Public Comment.

Dear Ms. Secretary,

Please excuse the lateness of my comments. I realize the board members probably won't have a chance to read them before the meeting but would like them as part of the public record. Thank you.

*Board members,*

*My name is Paige DeCino and I serve on your Community Advisory Committee for the Clean Energy Alliance for Carlsbad. Today you're considering the different product options for CEA customers with the default being 50% clean, renewable energy.*

*I know the board is considering offering the 'opt down' option of 36% renewable energy, the state mandated RPS. I would caution you to not adopt that today until you've had a chance to see the pro forma to decide if it even is a significant savings over the default 50%.*

*Not all California CCEs offer this 'opt down' option since the underlying reason for the creation of CCEs is to reduce GHG emissions. I believe the board should do all it can to push for the cleanest energy possible.*

*I understand the social equity issue involved here – we don't want those at the lower income levels to suffer financially when rolling over to CEA or opt back to SDG&E. But because CARE and FERA customers will be paying the same for distribution costs as they were with SDG&E, any additional costs shouldered by these customers would be incurred only if CEA electricity rates are above SDG&E.*

*I conclude by pointing out that low-income, disadvantaged communities are those most likely to suffer the ill effects of poor environmental conditions including climate change; we must consider the benefits to public health from lower GHG emissions when making decisions before you today, not just the financial component.*

Paige DeCino