



Board of Directors

October 4, 2023

Bapu Vaitla  
*Davis City Council*

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor, State of California  
1021 O St., Ste. 9000  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Richard Casavecchia  
*Winters City Council*

Will Arnold  
*Davis City Council*

**Re: AB 50 (Wood) – SUPPORT**

Jesse Loren  
*Winters City Council*

Dear Governor Newsom,

Gary Sandy  
*Vice Chair  
Yolo County Board of  
Supervisors*

On behalf of Valley Clean Energy (VCE), a community choice aggregation (CCA) program serving Yolo County, I write in support of AB 50 (Wood), a bill that will improve energization timelines for new and existing electric customers, promote more efficient distribution planning, and increase communication between large electric corporations, local governments, and the state government.

Lucas Frerichs  
*Yolo County Board of  
Supervisors*

Tom Stallard  
*Chair  
Woodland City Council*

VCE is the not-for-profit public electricity provider serving over 120,000 customers in unincorporated Yolo County and the cities of Woodland, Davis, and Winters. As a locally governed public entity we are focused on providing cost effective clean electricity while improving the communities we serve through local reinvestment of our revenues.

Mayra Vega  
*Woodland City Council*

Energization delays are increasingly becoming a severe impediment to growth across California. Existing customers requesting system upgrades to meet increased demand and customers seeking new connections to developments are seeing significant spikes in their wait-times for interconnectivity. Large electric corporations are issuing written commitments to serve – also known as “will-serve letters” – only to later inform developers after they have paid the corporation that it may be several months or even years before interconnectivity will be completed. And these delays do not discriminate by sector: residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural customers have all been impacted. Even if accounting for unavoidable circumstances, these timelines pose a serious obstacle to business development and threaten our state’s ability to reach its housing and climate change goals. Improvements to the process and accountability must be introduced to avoid unreasonable delays that impact our customers, communities, and the State. In Yolo County, for example, we witnessed an extended energization delay that caused the only carpet recycling facility in California to withdraw its development plans and leave the state entirely.

AB 50 will address this complex issue by promoting transparency and accountability in the process of applying for electric energization. This bill directs large electric corporations to reevaluate and update as necessary their planning processes. Lastly, AB 50 requires electric corporations communicate with local governments and the state government regarding capacity constraints for purposes of more efficient planning.



Valley Clean Energy is pleased to support AB 50 for the reasons stated above and we thank Assemblymember Wood for authoring this important piece of legislation. We respectfully request you sign AB 50 into law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Sears", is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Mitch Sears  
Executive Officer  
Valley Clean Energy

cc: The Honorable Jim Wood