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The Honorable Cottie Petrie-Norris  
Chair, Assembly Committee Utilities & Energy

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**Re: AB 1761 (Rogers) – SUPPORT**

Jesse Loren  
Chair  
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Dear Assemblymember Petrie-Norris,

Shiela Allen  
*Yolo County Board of Supervisors*

On behalf of Valley Clean Energy (VCE), a community choice aggregation (CCA) program serving Yolo County, I write to convey our support of AB 1761 (Rogers). AB 1761 supports energy affordability by improving transparency and certainty into how the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA), a charge on nearly all energy bills, is calculated.

Lucas Frerichs  
*Yolo County Board of Supervisors*

Tom Stallard  
*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. We are also focused on innovating new programs that reduce demand, particularly at the peak.

Tania Garcia-Cadena  
Vice Chair  
*Woodland City Council*

Electricity bills in Yolo County and throughout California are on the rise, in part due to challenging market conditions and outdated and inefficient regulatory policies. Families and businesses are feeling the impact. Lawmakers and regulators need practical, consumer-focused solutions that ensure customers do not pay more than their fair share.

One tool to ensure customers receive energy bills that are fair and accurate is increased transparency in how PCIA charges are calculated. The PCIA is a fee designed to ensure that when customers migrated from PG&E's generation service to our generation services that they pay their portion of unavoidable legacy power costs. But since the PCIA was implemented, there has been no consistent standard for what data must be made available in any California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) process or proceeding where the PCIA, or a related charge, is set.

This lack of transparency has left us unable to verify the accuracy of the PCIA charges that our customers must pay and we cannot confidently forecast rates – both of which are affordability tools needed to protect our customers from unexpected rate increases. Additionally, the lack of consistent data creates costly disputes and inefficiencies in CPUC proceedings. More specifically:

- Utilities make mistakes. In a 2019 PG&E proceeding, CalCCA identified \$73 million in errors (including a \$16 million increase for CCA customers). In a recent proceeding, PG&E identified an accounting error that would have cost CCA customers \$217 million.

- In an ongoing PCIA rulemaking, the Commission withheld information on the evidence underlying their proposal and the rate impacts of the proposed change. The CPUC did not respond to a Public Records Act request for the information.
- Disclosures vary by utility and by CPUC proceeding, resulting in repeated fights between CCAs and the Investor-Owned Utilities (IOUs) over data access and increased administrative inefficiencies as the CPUC resolves disputes on a case-by-case basis.

To address these problems, AB 1761 proposes amending the Public Utilities Code to require the CPUC and IOUs to disclose all data used to calculate PCIA costs, including cost inputs, forecasting assumptions, and methodologies. The bill would also ensure that when parties make proposals in a proceeding to change the PCIA they provide all the underlying data informing that proposal. Sensitive information would remain protected through Commission-approved nondisclosure agreements – a practice already used to protect sensitive information in other compliance areas.

AB 1761 will enable us to better assess proposals to change the PCIA, inform our cost forecasts and optimize our budgets, and shield our customers from CPUC decision-driven rate swings.

For the above stated reasons, we are pleased to support AB 1761, and we thank Assemblymember Rogers for his leadership. We respectfully request your aye vote when the measure is heard in committee. If you have any questions, please contact Mark Fenstermaker who can be reached at [mark@pacificpolicygroup.com](mailto:mark@pacificpolicygroup.com); 916-798-8088.

Sincerely,



Mitch Sears  
Executive Officer  
Valley Clean Energy

cc: The Honorable Members of the Assembly Utilities & Energy Committee  
The Honorable Chris Rogers  
The Honorable Cecilia Aguiar-Curry