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January 30, 2023

The Honorable Alice Busching Reynolds
President, California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: Disbursement of the 2023 California Climate Credit

Dear President Reynolds:

We would like to thank the Commission for adding the important issue of the 2023 California Climate Credit Disbursements to your February 2, 2023 meeting agenda. We respectfully request the California Public Utilities Commission adopt the proposal regarding the 2023 California Climate Credit and allow for the disbursement of the credit as soon as possible.

Californians are facing natural gas bills that are double and even triple their usual cost. These high gas bills add to the financial hardships Californian families are already facing, such as rising inflation and high cost of living.

We understand supply and demand factors impact the cost of natural gas, but we are also mindful of the regulatory actions that contribute to increased costs. As such, we encourage the Commission's adoption of Item 24, Modification of Timing of Electric and Gas Climate Credits, at the February 2, 2023 Voting Meeting. We also encourage the Commission's review of any other available options to reduce the financial burden on of increasing natural gas costs on California's ratepayers.

Sincerely,

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