

April 13, 2023

The Honorable Scott Wiener
Senator, 11th District
Capitol Office, 1021 O Street
Suite 8620
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 83 (Wiener) Public utilities: electrical distribution grid:
interconnection. — SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Wiener,

On behalf of the City and County of San Francisco and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC), I write in support of Senate Bill (SB) 83, which would help ensure the timely interconnection of essential development projects, including affordable housing units, to the electrical distribution grid.

The SFPUC, a department of the City and County of San Francisco, provides water, wastewater, and power services within the City and County of San Francisco and wholesale water to three Bay Area counties through the Hetch Hetchy Regional Water System. We are the third largest public utility in California, with infrastructure in seven counties and a combined annual operating and capital budget of nearly \$2 billion. SFPUC's Power Enterprise operates two load serving entities: Hetch Hetchy Power, San Francisco's local publicly owned electric utility; and CleanPowerSF, San Francisco's Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) program.

San Francisco has historically experienced delays to the energization of essential projects attempting to interconnect to Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) electrical distribution grid. SFPUC Hetch Hetchy Power relies on PG&E's wholesale transmission and distribution services to serve its retail customers. However, PG&E has consistently delayed City projects by imposing unnecessary requirements and costs, as well as lacking set timelines for key portions of the interconnection process which can contribute to

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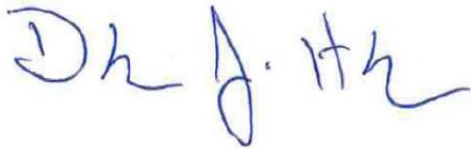


significant or indefinite delays. As a result, since October 2018, the SFPUC has provided quarterly reports to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors which have identified 136 projects, including a combined 519 units of affordable housing, that have faced delays.

SB 83 would help mitigate these delays by requiring electrical corporations to interconnect development projects to the grid within eight weeks of being "Interconnection Ready," meaning that all work and approvals necessary for interconnection of a project to the grid have been completed and received by the project applicant. The bill would incentivize compliance by requiring electrical corporations to compensate project applicants in the event their projects are not energized within the eight week timeline. Additionally, SB 83 would require electrical corporations to report annually to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) on the number of interconnection applications received within the previous 12 months and the time duration for interconnecting these projects to the grid.

Thank you for your authorship of SB 83 and for your leadership on this issue. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Megan Scott, Director for Policy and Government Affairs, at (415) 852-0845 or mescott@sewater.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dennis J. Herrera". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Dennis J. Herrera
General Manager, SFPUC

cc: Members of the San Francisco Delegation