



# SCHOOL ENERGY COALITION

ADVANCING ENERGY AND WATER SOLUTIONS FOR SCHOOLS

## School Energy Coalition Testimony to the California Public Utilities Commission

June 2, 2022

Madame Chair and Commissioners:

My name is Nancy Chaires Espinoza and I am speaking on behalf of the School Energy Coalition in opposition to the NEM 3.0 Proposed Decision.

We appreciate the May 9<sup>th</sup> Ruling soliciting additional information, but it seems to indicate that the Commission is looking to merely *extend* the implementation of the previous decision.

The PD will severely impair the ability of our state's 10,000+ school sites to install solar and storage projects they need in order to:

1. Access clean, reliable energy,
2. Withstand frequent and long-lasting PSPS,
3. Continue educational and safety net services during shutoff and blackouts, and
4. Serve as shelters for our communities during emergencies.

Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) are the state's *partners* in achieving the goal of 100% clean energy.

LEAs will be mandated to incorporate solar into all new schools *just as* the CPUC is making solar financially infeasible.

In order to absorb those costs, we will have to:

1. Build fewer classrooms leading to overcrowding,
2. Indefinitely delay badly-needed modernization of aging schools, and
3. Cut direct services to students because the operational savings built into our solar investments will fail to materialize.

We need you to listen to *us*, your partners, not the false arguments of corporate think tanks engineered to manipulate your good intentions.

Thank you.