

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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The Honorable Alex Padilla, Chair  
Senate Energy, Utilities & Communications Committee  
State Capitol, Room 4038  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 758 (Skinner) – As Amended April 14, 2009 – Oppose Unless Amended**  
**Status: Senate EU&C Hearing – June 30, 2009**

Dear Senator Padilla:

On May 21, 2009, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) voted unanimously to oppose AB 758 unless it is amended. This bill would, among its provisions, require the California Energy Commission (CEC), by March 1, 2010, to develop a comprehensive energy efficiency program for existing residential and commercial building stock that falls significantly below current Title 24 building standards. This bill would also require the CPUC, by January 1, 2011, to authorize each IOU to provide a targeted number of low or no-cost energy efficiency audits each calendar year, and to report the audit results annually to the Legislature and the CEC under certain conditions.

The CPUC fully supports the goal of achieving all cost-effective energy efficiency, the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, and the development of a more comprehensive approach to achieving efficiency savings in existing buildings. However, this bill, as currently written, would create confusion over the roles of the CEC and the CPUC and needs to be clarified. In addition, the bill would need to clarify the scope and authority extended to the CEC. Further, because there are substantial potential natural gas savings from gas space heating and water heaters, the bill should be amended to also require gas utilities to provide a targeted number of audits.

Please see the attached analysis for a more detailed explanation of the CPUC's position.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to call me at (916) 327-7788.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Poe".

MICHAEL POE  
Legislative Liaison

Attachment

cc: The Honorable Nancy Skinner, Member, California State Assembly  
Members, Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee  
Kellie Smith, Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee  
Wade Teasdale, Senate Republican Caucus/Policy  
John Moffatt, Chief Deputy Legislative Secretary, Office of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger