

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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May 12, 2009

The Honorable Christine Kehoe  
Chair, Senate Committee on Appropriations  
State Capitol, Room 2206  
Sacramento, CA 95814**RE: SB 542 (Wiggins) – As Amended April 2, 2009 – Oppose Unless Amended**  
**Status: Senate Committee on Appropriations**

Dear Senator Kehoe:

On May 7, 2009, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) voted unanimously to oppose SB 542 unless amended. SB 542 requires the CPUC, by July 1, 2010, to develop and implement a strategy to expand the participation rates of multiunit residential and commercial rental properties in utility energy efficiency and solar energy programs, and to report to the Legislature on that strategy.

There are several efforts underway in various CPUC programs to expand participation of multiunit residential and commercial tenants. The CPUC is working on integrating its approach to demand side management programs, which will further help achieve the goal of the bill. The CPUC currently considers cost-effectiveness of demand side programs on a comprehensive basis. This bill would require the Commission to adopt a strategy that might be duplicative, out of sync with program review cycles, and costly to implement.

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

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to call me at (916) 327-8858.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alicia Priego".

ALICIA PRIEGO  
Legislative Liaison

Attachment

cc: The Honorable Patricia Wiggins, Senator  
Members, Senate Committee on Appropriations  
Bob Franzoia, Senate Committee on Appropriations  
Lance Christiansen, Senate Republican Caucus/Policy  
Kathy Madison, Department of Finance  
John Moffatt, Chief Deputy Legislative Secretary, Office of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger