



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To Members of the California State Assembly:

I am signing Assembly Bill 327.

This comprehensive rate reform legislation provides the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) with the necessary authority to address current electricity rate inequities, protect low-income energy users and maintain robust incentives for renewable energy investments.

Specifically, the bill gives the CPUC the authority to craft a new electricity rate structure while increasing statutory discounts for qualified low-income customers. It also requires the electric utilities to develop distribution infrastructure plans to ensure that ratepayer dollars are being utilized in the most efficient way possible. Finally, the bill makes it clear that California's 33% Renewable Portfolio Standard is a floor, not a ceiling.

As the CPUC considers rules regarding grandfathering of net metering customers, I expect the Commission to ensure that customers who took service under net metering prior to reaching the statutory net metering cap on or before July 1, 2017, are protected under those rules for the expected life of their systems.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.