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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am signing Senate Bill 410, which addresses recent delays in grid connections and the energization of electric investor-owned utility (IOU) customers – including new facilities, housing developments, and other projects. It is imperative that we accurately plan, prepare, and prioritize the connection and energization of customers, especially as we electrify our economy to combat the climate crisis.

I share the author's desire to ensure the timely grid connection and energization of customers. I am signing this bill because many of its provisions address this acute and critical issue with accountability metrics and a new, one-time revenue stream, with sensible customer protections. However, as general practice, matters relating to the revenue of our electric IOUs should be addressed by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to ensure that we effectively balance utility investments with the affordability of customer electric bills.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newton