



June 1, 2026

Honorable Pilar Schiavo  
California State Assembly  
1021 O Street, Suite 4140  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: AB 1715 (Schiavo) – Support**

Dear Assemblymember Schiavo:

The Public Advocates Office is the independent consumer advocate at the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). We advocate for affordable, safe, and reliable utility services consistent with the state's climate and clean energy goals.

We support AB 1715, which would meaningfully increase transparency for ratepayers, policymakers, and stakeholders by improving access to advice letters and increasing insight into taxpayer funding received by investor-owned utilities (IOUs).

California is facing an electricity affordability crisis and increasing public access to information about the drivers of rate impacts is important. At the CPUC, IOUs may submit advice letters to request authorization for changes that may affect rates, such as tariff modifications. However, advice letters can be difficult to locate and access. AB 1715 would provide the database infrastructure needed to improve access for all stakeholders.

A comprehensive understanding of the taxpayer funding received by the state's investor-owned utilities is also critical to addressing the state's affordability crisis. AB 1715's reasonable reporting requirements would provide policymakers, the CPUC, and stakeholders with information needed to better understand utility funding sources and ensure rates are fair and affordable.

AB 1715 would take significant steps to increase transparency around the operations of investor-owned utilities. Improved awareness of and access to information is foundational to efforts that support more affordable electricity service for California households and businesses.

Sincerely,

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