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SOLAR, WIND AND OTHER RENEWABLE POWER COMPANIES OVERWHELMINGLY OPPOSE PROPOSITION 7

Companies that Would Benefit from More Renewable Power Oppose Poorly-Written Measure and Warn Prop. 7 Would Disrupt Renewable Power Development in California

Sacramento, CA – Dozens of solar, wind, and other renewable power companies, as well as the trade associations representing renewable power providers, have come out in overwhelming opposition to Proposition 7 on California's statewide ballot. In fact, while dozens of renewable power companies oppose Prop. 7, not a single renewable power provider supports the measure.

Prop. 7 supporters claim the measure will increase renewable energy in California. However, opponents of Prop. 7, who strongly support and are pushing for increased alternative energy production in California, believe the initiative is so flawed it will result in less, not more, renewable power. Economists and consumer advocates warn the initiative will significantly increase electric bills. Prop. 7 is opposed by virtually every renewable power provider and environmental organization in California along with business, consumer, taxpayer, labor, senior, local government groups and more than 200 other groups.

"It's telling that the very companies who stand to benefit from more renewable energy are all opposing Prop. 7," said **Jan Smutny-Jones, Executive Director of the California Independent Energy Producers Association**, which represents companies that produce more than 80% of the renewable power delivered in California. "Anyone who knows how the renewable power market works knows this poorly-written measure will erect new barriers that will lead to less, not more, renewable power."

"Proposition 7 would devastate California's small solar businesses by forcing us out of the market – eliminating a major source of clean power and thousands of jobs," said **Sue Kateley, Executive Director, California Solar Energy Industries Association**

"California's renewable power market is just gaining steam under current policies. Proposition 7 would create uncertainty and pull us out of the marketplace and into administrative hearings and courtrooms. Instead of moving us forward, it would jeopardize the progress we've made," said **Nancy Rader, Executive Director of the California Wind Energy Association**.

Carrie Cullen Hitt, President, The Solar Alliance, representing solar energy manufacturers, installers and project developers said, "You might think that solar companies would be among the first to sign onto Proposition 7, but we're in the best position to know the truth - Proposition 7 is a recipe for failure. Those who funded Proposition 7 didn't consult with renewable energy experts before drafting this measure, and it shows. Proposition 7 is filled with drafting errors which will delay renewable energy development in California."

The individual wind, solar and renewable power companies and trade associations opposed to Prop. 7 include:

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a coalition of environmentalists, renewable energy companies, taxpayers, and labor
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- **California Solar Energy Industries Association**
- **California Wind Energy Association**
- **Large-Scale Solar Association**
- **Independent Energy Producers Association**
- **The Solar Alliance**
- **SunPower**
- **SolarWorld California**
- **BrightSource Energy**
- **First Solar**
- **Sun Light & Power**
- **American Sun Solar Corporation**
- **POCO Solar Energy Inc.**
- **Solar MW Energy Inc.**
- **SPG Solar, Inc.**
- **Apex Solar, Inc.**
- **California Solar Electric**
- **Solar Power Partners, Inc.**
- **Ecosystem Solar Electric Corp.**
- **REC Solar, Inc.**
- **Pure Energy Systems, Inc.**
- **Solarecity Electric**
- **Phat Energy**
- **Solahart All Valley Energy Systems**
- **Solel Inc.**
- **ESE Power Corporation**
- **PW Ice Manufacturing Plant Corporation**
- **Super Peaker, LLC (SP1-4)**

Renewable power providers warn key provisions in Prop. 7 will stall clean power development, including:

- Prop. 7 contains a provision that could exclude renewable power facilities smaller than 30 megawatts from counting toward the measure's new requirements, which would jeopardize these smaller providers. Currently, renewable facilities under 30 megawatts account for almost 60% of renewables contracts with the state's investor-owned utilities.
- The measure creates an entirely new, complicated, and conflicting bureaucracy to approve transmission lines and renewable power plants. The measure shifts some authority over renewable power plant approval, price-setting, and transmission line approval away from the California Public Utilities Commission and gives it to the California Energy Commission. However, drafting errors actually create duplicative responsibilities and dual bureaucracies for many of these responsibilities. It will take years to sort out these conflicts, which will stall power plant and transmission line approvals at a critical time in a developing industry.
- Prop. 7 can't be changed without a 2/3 vote of the legislature or another statewide vote. That means flaws already identified (and those that have yet to be identified) will be nearly impossible to fix. This inflexibility will also make it impossible to regularly assess and modify energy regulations to adapt to changing market conditions and new technologies. Complicated energy regulatory policies should not be cemented into law with an initiative.

A complete coalition list or organizations opposed to Prop. 7 can be found at www.noprop7.com.