



March 23, 2017

The Honorable Richard Bloom
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 2003
Sacramento, CA 94249-0050

RE: AB 1573 (Bloom): Green Tariff Shared Renewables Program – Support

Dear Assemblymember Bloom:

Advanced Energy Economy (AEE) is pleased to co-sponsor and support your AB 1573, which would update the Green Tariff Shared Renewables Program created by Senate Bill 43 in 2013. AB 1573 proposes key changes that will improve implementation of the program to open up market opportunity for commercial and industrial customers to access, and benefit from, the program. In so doing, the bill better aligns the program with current market conditions and better positions it to fulfill SB 43's original intent to stimulate and expand renewable energy development in the state.

AEE is a national association of businesses dedicated to transforming public policy to enable a prosperous world that runs on clean, secure, affordable energy. We are comprised of over 100 companies both large and small across the technology spectrum, including energy efficiency, solar, wind, storage, biofuels, electric vehicles, demand response, advanced metering, and enabling software. Our members also include companies that have made a commitment to power their operations with renewable energy and are working with us to break down the barriers that inhibit them from reaching their sustainability goals.

To date, the Green Tariff Shared Renewables Program has failed to materialize the market transformation to the extent envisioned by SB 43. AB 1573 would remedy this by eliminating existing constraints on project size and customer participation that inadvertently curtail project development and accessibility. Specifically, the bill will broaden customer participation to enable some of the state's largest energy users and job-creators to access affordable, reliable, and advanced energy without increasing cost for ratepayers.

California is leading the charge, nationally and globally, on reducing greenhouse gases and growing the multi-billion dollar advanced energy economy. We are excited to work with you on this important bill. For these reasons, AEE supports and is pleased to co-sponsor your AB 1573.

Sincerely,

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cc: Members of the Assembly Utilities and Energy Committee
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