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Assemblymember Cottie Petrie-Norris, Chair
Assembly Committee on Utilities and Energy
1020 N Street, Room 408A
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 1761 (Rogers) – SUPPORT

Dear Chair Petrie-Norris:

On behalf of the City of Burlingame, I write in support of AB 1761 by Assemblymember Chris Rogers, a measure that supports energy affordability by improving transparency and certainty in how the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) – a charge on nearly all electricity bills – is calculated.

Electricity bills in California are rising rapidly due to a combination of market pressures, infrastructure investments, and regulatory policies. Families and businesses in our community are already feeling the impact. Peninsula Clean Energy (PCE), a Community Choice Aggregator (CCA) serving approximately 800,000 electricity customers in San Mateo County and the City of Los Banos in Merced County, provides electricity service to Burlingame. We are concerned that our residents could face significant bill increases in the years ahead—not because they are using more electricity, but because of the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA).

Policymakers must pursue practical solutions that ensure electricity customers are not overcharged and that rates remain as affordable as possible. One important step is improving transparency in how the PCIA is calculated. The PCIA is determined through proceedings at the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), but there is currently no consistent standard for what data must be made available to the parties participating in those proceedings. As a result, CCAs and consumer advocates lack access to the information needed to verify the accuracy of the charge or understand the drivers of rate changes.

AB 1761 addresses this problem by requiring the CPUC and investor-owned utilities to disclose the data, assumptions, and methodologies used to calculate PCIA costs. The bill would also require that parties proposing changes to the PCIA provide the data underlying their proposals. Sensitive information would remain protected through nondisclosure agreements already used in other regulatory contexts.

Greater transparency will allow stakeholders to verify calculations, improve forecasting, and better protect customers from unexpected rate increases. It will also strengthen regulatory accountability and help ensure that customers pay their fair share – and not more.

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For these reasons, the City of Burlingame strongly supports AB 1761. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Goldman, City Manager, at lgoldman@burlingame.org or 650-558-7204.

Sincerely,

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