



NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL

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Arlen Orchard
Chief Executive Officer and General Manager
Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD)
6301 S Street
Sacramento, CA 95817

Re: Strong support for the SMUD staff proposal to update SD-9

Dear Mr. Orchard and SMUD Board of Directors:

Over the years, NRDC has come to expect innovation and strong leadership from SMUD in finding ways to provide clean and affordable energy to its customers. NRDC had the opportunity to review the staff proposal to update SD-9, which appropriately keeps a clear focus on energy efficiency while improving the metrics guiding program design to focus on maximizing carbon reductions.

This proposal is another example of SMUD leading the way, and we strongly support its approval. It is vital that utilities think holistically about the climate impacts of the fuels they provide. As SMUD staff outlines in their proposal, the suite of programs supported by this update would reduce costs for customers, improve energy efficiency, reduce indoor and outdoor air pollution, and set SMUD up to achieve your goal of net zero carbon emissions by 2040.

NRDC looks forward to learning from SMUD's experience with this effort, and helping to spread this model to other utilities and states.

Sincerely,

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