

## **Baker Electric Solar Applauds CPUC's Renewed Net Metering Commitment**

*California Public Utilities Commission's affirmation of net metering for solar power will appropriately support an important technology as it makes further inroads, Baker Electric Solar reports*

San Diego, CA -- February 4, 2016 (FPRC) -- The California Public Utilities Commission vowed to continue with the state's existing net metering arrangement for rooftop solar panels, an important victory for proponents of the renewable energy source. With net metering coming under fire as utilities around the country seek to claw back revenues lost to rooftop solar power generation, the Commission's decision means that California homeowners and businesses will be able to confidently make their own investments into the technology.

"We're pleased to report that our state's Public Utilities Commission prudently decided to keep net metering of rooftop solar power in place," Baker Electric Solar representative Amanda Bailey said, "Despite intense pressure from utility companies and other special interests, the commissioners rightly concluded that net metering is the simplest, sanest, most effective way of accounting for the real benefits that rooftop solar power generation delivers. For those looking into solar panels for your home or business, the decision is welcome news."

As residential and commercial photo-voltaic solar panels generate electricity from the light of the sun, they often produce more than a home, office, or other facility might need at the time. Rather than wasting this valuable energy, the traditional answer to surpluses of this kind has been to allow meters that measure the usage of electricity to effectively roll back as the extra is pushed back out onto the grid and delivered to other customers.

While that simple, straightforward arrangement was the norm across the country for many years, it has recently been attacked by utility companies and investors looking to maximize their own profits. Net metering rates in Nevada were recently slashed, for example, after intense lobbying by major utilities, putting into doubt the future viability of rooftop solar energy generation in that sun-drenched state.

With the recent California Public Utilities Commission decision to uphold existing net metering arrangements in an updated form, the state and its residents and businesses avoid this unfortunate fate, making it much more likely that the considerable potential of solar will continue to be realized. As one of the leading san diego solar companies, Baker Electric Solar, for example, experienced 200% year-over-year growth for 2015, with the Jan. 16 opening of The Solar Store by Baker Electric in Murrieta and a major milestone of one gigawatt of total installed capacity for the company this year further reflecting the remarkable strides the technology has made.

Those interested in learning more about the benefits of solar power for residential or commercial customers can do so at the Baker Electric Solar website. Visitors there can also sign up for a free quote and will find an actively updated blog that will keep them informed about the latest solar power developments, like the recent California Public Utilities Commission decision.

About Baker Electric Solar:

As part of a family-owned group of companies that has served Southern California for more than 75 years, Baker Electric Solar is a leader in solar power technology, with more than a full gigawatt of installed generating capacity to the company's credit.

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