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**CPUC DIRECTS INVESTMENT
FOR ENERGY STORAGE PROJECTS TO CUSTOMERS LOCATED IN
DISADVANTAGED AND LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES**

SAN FRANCISCO, October 13, 2017 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) unveiled a new equity program that directs 25 percent of funds for distributed energy storage to low income households and environmentally burdened communities throughout the state. Eligible customers also include state and local government agencies, educational institutions, non-profits, and small businesses.

Taking action yesterday, the CPUC allocated 25 percent of the funds collected in the Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP) for energy storage projects, an estimated \$55 million through 2020.

“We have taken the initiative to advance a policy within an existing program in a way that is consistent with Legislature’s interest in ensuring equity in California’s clean energy policies and also with the CPUC’s Environmental Sustainability Strategic Directive,” said Commissioner Clifford Rechtschaffen, the Commissioner assigned to the proceeding. “Our actions make the Self-Generation Incentive Program more equitable without increasing consumer costs.”

State and local government agencies, educational institutions, non-profits, and small businesses are eligible for the incentives if they are located in disadvantaged communities as defined by the California Environmental Protection Agency. Low income communities are eligible as defined by Assembly Bill 1550 (Gomez, 2016).

Information about the Self-Generation Incentive Program is available at: www.cpuc.ca.gov/sgip.



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