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Comment: "Regarding the design of the cost and benefit study of on-site generation in case IPC-E-21-21, the commission is urged to closely follow the development of the study design and ensure that what results is in fact a fair and credible study. In prior cases, and in the initial filing in this case, IPC clearly presupposes an outcome. A study of this nature can be complicated and should not be rushed to meet deadlines solely created by IPC. Many studies of this nature have been conducted in other jurisdictions and a good deal of peer reviewed research has been undertaken in this arena. This body of work is easily accessible to the commission, staff, and parties to the case. It would be neglectful to design a study of this nature without substantial consideration of this prior work. In order to fairly value distributed generation, a study must consider not only the costs, but also the variety of benefits these forms of generation provide. Through a dearth of marketing around the subject IPC clearly demonstrates an understanding that the community values the environmental benefits of clean energy. It is vital that serious consideration is given to determining how this study will incorporate the environmental and other benefits of distributed renewable generation, as without those it would not be complete. Distributed generation, distributed energy storage, and electric vehicles are not a future suite of technological advances to look for down the road, they are the present. A fair and balanced study of the costs and benefits of distributed generation will allow customers of IPC to take advantage of the resiliency, reliability, savings, autonomy, and contributions to the environment that are possible from onsite generation. Thank you for your continued effort working towards a fair outcome on this long running issue, Alex McKinley "
