



April 19, 2024

To: Honorable Assembly Member Petrie-Norris
Chair, Assembly Committee of Utilities and Energy
1020 N Street, Room 408A
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: **Support of AB 2205 (Patterson) Electricity: mandatory rate reduction.**

Dear Assembly Member Petrie-Norris,

The City of Rocklin is writing to **support AB 2205 (Patterson)** which would provide a 30% reduction of kilowatt-per-hour charges for ratepayers.

The City of Rocklin is monitoring the submissions for the mandatory income based fixed charges that are being reviewed by the California Public Utilities Commission. The City understands that it was the intent of the Legislature to curb large utility fees and provide much-needed relief for low-income households. Rising electricity rates have impacted all Californians, with lower-income households being hit the hardest. However, the rate mandates passed in AB 205 last year will also negatively impact middle-income families whose financial stability can be jeopardized by increasing utilities. The median income for the City of Rocklin is only 6% higher than the Placer County median income; by some estimates, over half of Rocklin households will see an increase in their utility bills because of the proposed fixed rate charges.

AB 2205 is one of many bills that have been introduced this session to either reduce utility charges or to rescind the provisions of AB 205. Some change is needed to ensure that lower income households can receive a break on high electric bills, but these changes should not also harm the middle-income families at the same time. The proposed 30% decrease in kilowatt-per-hour charges would provide the much-needed relief for all households in Rocklin, including lower-income and middle-income households.

For these reasons, the City of Rocklin **supports AB 2205**.

Sincerely,

David Bass

City Councilmember, City of Rocklin