

Dear Air Resources Board,

First of all thank you for spending the whole day on listening to the public. My name is Rick Garcia, Assistant Business Manager of The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers of Local #47, and I am speaking on behalf of our membership of 7800 members. IBEW #47 and our International Offices are fully committed in reducing the effects of greenhouse gasses produce by the use of fossil fuels. The largest majority of our members are employed with Southern California Edison, (SCE), and they are also committed if this effort. Right now we are engaged in programs to help SCE and our Munis move to new generation projects, which include geothermal, wind, and solar/photovoltaic systems.

Right now SCE and IBEW #47 are working on a 500MW solar project that will be installing at rooftops of many warehouses and business buildings in San Bernardino & Riverside County. When this project is done we will cover an area of 2 square miles and the great thing about this project is that it will be built by workers under a Project Labor Agreement, (PLA). A PLA is an agreement that will insure the workers that built these projects, a wage that meets family-living standards, a medical insurance plan for the worker & family, and a respectable retirement plan.

We the Members of IBEW #47 will support the Air Resources Board on projects that will reduce Global Warming and what we ask is that you the ARB support our union on future projects with a PLA in place. We are doing it right now with SCE and it can be done with the ARB by helping each other.

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