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Fwd: MCE Rebate

From Beth Painter <bpainter@cityofnapa.org>

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To MCE Clerk <clerk@mcecleanenergy.org>

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

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Date: September 24, 2026 at 11:43:31 AM PDT

To: liz.alessio@countyofnapa.org, Beth Painter <bpainter@cityofnapa.org>

Subject: MCE Rebate

[EXTERNAL]

Good morning:

I am writing about the prospect of the return to ratepayers of the \$62 million rebate, using funds from the operating reserves.

I appreciate the complexity of the current state of MCE's governance and its finances.

However, I do not believe the rebate is the best use of the funds. It has become apparent to me that the financial resources to bridge the gap between the upfront cost of gas fired water heaters and hvac and their heat pump equivalents is limiting conversion.

I propose that instead of using these funds for a one time rebate, that MCE use these funds to create an additional source of funds to bridge the cost of retrofits via a revolving fund of loan funds. Repayment can be on the monthly MCE bills, or through the GoGreen program available through credit unions.

The current rate of adoption of electric building retrofits is woefully inadequate. By retaining these funds and deploying the money to bolster conversion, MCE will be boosting adoption instead of using the funds in a one time pop that will be forgotten in months if not just until the next billing cycle comes due. Once the Operating Fund Reserve is depleted, the odds of its replenishment are slim.

Sincerely,

David Graves

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