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## **Dear Ethan**

Under the assumption of mandatory hourly pricing, your concerns are warranted. However, the hourly rates and programs required under the new LMS are expected to be voluntary. In the future, should the PUC or large CCAs propose that these rates and programs be mandatory, as you imply, I and many others will fully support your effort to dissuade them from doing this.

A major goal of offering hourly rates is to encourage the creation of technologies that can automatically arbitrage the price of electricity for customers, thereby lowering their bills. Initially, only a small number of tech-savvy customers might take advantage of such opportunities. But as flexible technologies improve, one can imagine a vibrant ecosystem of products that automate the making of hay whenever the sun shines. These technologies are \*much\* cheaper than batteries and don't come with the human and environmental toll associated with the mining of materials needed for battery production.