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In accordance with Rule 8.4 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the California Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”), the California Energy Storage Alliance (“CESA”) hereby gives notice of an *ex parte* meeting held on Thursday, April 5, 2018 at 1:00 pm at the Commission’s office at 505 Van Ness Avenue in San Francisco, California. The meeting lasted approximately 40 minutes. Alex Morris, Senior Director of Policy & Regulatory Affairs of CESA, initiated the meeting with Forest Kaser, Advisor to President Michael Picker. Jin Noh, Policy Manager of CESA, was also present. The communications were oral and did not involve any written materials.

At the meeting, Mr. Morris raised concerns with the *Proposed Decision Denying Southern California Edison Company’s Application for Approval of its Second Preferred Resources Pilot Request for Offers* (“Proposed Decision”). First, Mr. Morris discussed how the Proposed Decision might harm ratepayers via a potential ‘chilling effect’ on developer interests in California. By rejecting a number of good faith and competitively solicited energy storage and distributed energy resource (“DER”) projects where significant private investment and time was made to understand how distributed energy storage resources could be leveraged to manage very localized projected

load and DER growth, Mr. Morris explained that developers may have less interest or participation in energy storage development needs in California or may require higher risk premiums on some California projects. Second, Mr. Morris discussed how valuable the contracted resources could be in not only supporting the learning goals of the Distributed Resource Plan (“DRP”) demonstration projects, but also how these resources can be positioned to support a heavily-congested area. Mr. Noh added that the contracted resources can support energy storage procurement pursuant to Assembly Bill (“AB”) 2514 and Decision (“D.”) 13-10-040.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alex J. Morris'.

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