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In accordance with Rule 8.2 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 via teleconference Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 3:00 pm PST with Anand Durvasula, Legal and Policy Advisor to Commissioner Liane Randolph. The meeting was originally scheduled for Monday, October 5, 2020 at 1:00 pm PST but had to be rescheduled to October 6, 2020 due to CESA’s advanced notice being filed and served on October 1, 2020, which was not three business days prior to the scheduled meeting. Jin Noh, Senior Policy Manager of CESA, initiated the meeting. The CESA representatives in attendance were Alex Morris, Executive Director, and Jin Noh. Representatives from Wellhead Electric included Hal Dittmer, President, and Grant McDaniel, Director of New Products.

Mr. Morris initiated the meeting and discussed the role of energy storage for Resource Adequacy (“RA”) in its many forms and configurations, including hybrids. Mr. Noh explained that hybrid capacity must be considered alongside preferred resources and energy storage in transitioning to a clean RA fleet, in line with statute and its measured benefits, but hybrid capacity

has not been universally or explicitly considered as a priority in RA policy discussions, such as for the Central Procurement Entity (“CPE”) implementation.

Next, Mr. Dittmer introduced Wellhead Electric and provided an overview of its hybrid gas-storage solution. Mr. McDaniel shared the value proposition of hybrid gas-storage solutions in addressing local RA and contingency needs while reducing greenhouse gas (“GHG”) emissions, including in disadvantaged communities (“DACs”). Mr. McDaniel added that hybrid gas-storage solutions are explicitly required to be considered alongside preferred resources and energy storage resources in line with Public Utilities Code (“PUC”) Section 380, as modified by Senate Bill (“SB”) 1136. Mr. Noh explained that these hybrids represent an intelligent transition to a decarbonized future, where CPE implementation and other RA reforms must value the environmental, reliability, and policy benefits of hybrid capacity. Mr. Dittmer concluded the meeting by sharing his vision for how hybrids can play a major role in supporting decarbonization and reliability.

All communications were oral; no written materials were shared.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alex J. Morris', is positioned above the typed name.

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