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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR ENACT FOUR BILLS THAT ACCELERATE ENERGY STORAGE MARKETS

Sacramento, California – September 27, 2016 – The [California Energy Storage Alliance](#) applauds the California State Legislature and Governor for signing into law four important new bills that directly impact energy storage. Collectively, these bills will grow the behind-the-meter and utility-scale energy storage markets, create new clean energy jobs, reduce distributed energy resource interconnection challenges, and ensure that bulk energy storage is part of California’s renewable energy future. Governor Jerry Brown signed the following bills into law on September 26, 2016:

- **AB 1637 (Low)** – Increases the Self Generation Incentive Program (SGIP) funding by \$249 million, sending a clear market signal to industry stakeholders that behind-the-meter energy storage will play a key role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and supporting the next-generation electric grid. Thanks to the California Public Utilities Commission’s (CPUC) recent SGIP reforms, 75% of the program budget going forward is now reserved for energy storage.
- **AB 2868 (Gatto)** - Requires the CPUC to direct California’s three investor owned utilities (IOUs) to accelerate the deployment of distributed energy storage by filing applications for new programs and investments of up to 500 megawatts. This bill directly increases the market for energy storage in California, as the 500 MW is in addition to the 1.325 gigawatt procurement goal that California established in 2013.
- **AB 2861 (Ting)** - Authorizes the CPUC to create an objective, expedited dispute-resolution process for distributed, behind-the-meter energy resources attempting to establish an interconnection to an IOU's electricity distribution network. This bill and resulting dispute resolution process will accelerate and reduce Rule 21 interconnection costs.
- **AB 33 (Quirk)** - Directs the CPUC and California Energy Commission to evaluate and analyze the potential for all types of long duration bulk energy storage, such as pumped hydro, to help integrate renewable generation into the grid. This bill ensures broader consideration of bulk energy storage’s unique capabilities and market roles.

“The leadership demonstrated by Assemblymembers Evan Low, Phil Ting, Bill Quirk, and Mike Gatto was instrumental in the development and eventual passage of these groundbreaking bills,” said Janice Lin, Executive Director of the California Energy Storage Alliance (CESA) and Chair of Energy Storage North America. “CESA is proud to have played a key role in these bills, which further enable energy storage to become a valued

piece of the mainstream energy toolkit, mitigate unwarranted market or interconnection barriers, and allow bulk storage technologies to be appreciated as a solution to renewables integration.”

ABOUT THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY STORAGE ALLIANCE

The California Energy Storage Alliance (CESA) is a membership-based advocacy group committed to advancing the role of energy storage in the electric power sector through policy, education, outreach, and research. CESA’s mission is to make energy storage a mainstream energy resource that enables a more efficient, reliable, affordable, and secure electric power system. For more information, please visit our website:

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