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California Public Utilities Commission 505 Van Ness Avenue San Francisco, CA 94012

RE: Request to join the Energy Efficiency Coordinating Committee

The County of Ventura respectfully submits this letter of interest to join the R.13.11.005 Energy Efficiency (EE) Coordinating Committee.

As an implementer of the Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance (VCREA) and emPower Central Coast program, the County of Ventura continues to lead our region in improving the quality of life of its residents and is working to improve energy efficiency and energy conservation practices throughout municipal operations as well as encouraging residents and businesses to take advantage of energy saving programs and practices.

VCREA is a Joint Powers Authority composed of eleven public agencies working in collaboration to address good energy stewardship in the Ventura County region. VCREA was established in 2003 to spearhead energy efficiency and other sustainable energy efforts in the region. VCREA strives to establish the region as a leader in developing and implementing durable, sustainable, energy initiatives that support sensible growth, a healthy environment and economy, an enhanced quality of life, and a greater self-reliance for the region. By reducing energy demand and increasing energy efficiency as well as advancing the use of clean, efficient and renewable local resources, VCREA's collaborated efforts have proven successful to the region and its communities.

In partnership with emPower Central Coast, the County helps homeowners make energy upgrade easy and more affordable for homeowners throughout the tri-county region. emPower strives to help homeowners save energy, make homes more comfortable and healthy, and create local jobs and enhance property values.

The main attendee for the EE Coordinating Committee meetings will be Alejandra Tellez. Jon Griesser, County of San Luis Obispo (SLO), will serve as proxy when necessary. Ms. Tellez has served in the energy management sector for more than six years, and currently serves as board member to the LGSEC and Program Director for VCREA. Mr. Griesser oversees all of SLO's energy and climate programs, and currently serves as an LGSEC board member and as co-chair of the statewide Rural Hard to Reach Working Group.

Your consideration is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Alejandra Tellez

County of Ventura

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