



November 9, 2021

The Honorable Chris Holden Chair, Assembly Committee on Utilities and Energy State Capitol Building Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chair Holden:

Following the October 2020 oversight hearing, you requested monthly reports on electric grid preparedness and reliability measures that were being taken for the summer of 2021. Over the last year, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), California Energy Commission (CEC) and California Independent System Operator (CAISO) have jointly collaborated to develop and submit these reports to you and the Assembly Utilities and Energy (AU&E) committee. We have welcomed this opportunity to demonstrate how we have each planned and acted on various fronts to bolster electric grid preparedness and ensure electric service reliability for summer 2021.

While this past summer challenged our electric grid with numerous extreme heat waves, devastating wildfires and unexpected energy resource outages, we were able to avoid planned rotating outages. Despite the avoidance of such events, the energy organizations remain focused and committed to ensuring our electric grid can withstand these challenges and others that are particularly exacerbated by a changing climate during the summer months. Our organizations are fixated on planning for summer 2022 and beyond, and we are actively moving forward with additional actions to not only maintain near-term and summer electric grid reliability, but also ensure our state is on track to achieve its ambitious greenhouse gas reduction and clean energy deployment goals.

With that, we provide you with this monthly report on actions our respective organizations have taken since the August 2020 extreme heat wave and planned rotating outages. The actions summarized include those the CPUC, CEC and CAISO have taken since our last monthly report submitted to you on October 8, 2021. We thank you, again, for the opportunity to provide this report. If you or committee staff have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact any of our respective government affairs representatives: Grant Mack

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