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Commissioner Carla Peterman
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: SDG&E's Vehicle Grid Integration Filing

Dear Commissioner Peterman:

As a follow up to the August 13, 2014, California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) prehearing conference regarding SDG&E's Vehicle Grid Integration filing, please accept this letter requesting that the application submitted by SDG&E continue to move through the approval process.

As you know, it was suggested at the hearing that the CPUC should combine SDG&E's pilot (as submitted in the application) with the current "Order Instituting Rulemaking to Consider Alternative-Fueled Vehicle Programs, Tariffs, and Policies." I am concerned that such a decision will further delay the program resulting in a number of negative consequences, including not allowing the state to meet the Governor's goal of having 1.5 million electric vehicles (EVs) on the road by 2025 – a goal the state is already behind on.

CleanTECH San Diego is a business association focused on accelerating the greater San Diego region's transition to a clean energy economy. We have a broad and diverse membership that includes private sector companies, local governments, nongovernmental agencies, and universities and research institutions. In addition, we are a founding member of Smart City San Diego, a collaboration of government, business, education, and non-profit organizations working to move the San Diego region beyond today's boundaries of sustainability. The San Diego region continues to be a leader in the EV sector. We have one of the highest levels of electric vehicle drivers per capita in the U.S. and are ranked by *Forbes* as one of the top five cities with the greenest cars. San Diego is home to car2go, North America's first all-electric car sharing fleet, which is comprised of 380 cars. Additionally, the San Diego region is approaching 10,000 EV drivers and has 657 public charging stations at 190 sites and 20 DC fast chargers.

It is our belief that the pilot submitted by SDG&E will foster continued growth of the EV market – both locally and throughout the state. Every day that passes without efforts to deploy more charging stations in our region is another day that we push back the adoption of EVs by citizens – especially since about 50% of our residents in the SDG&E territory live in multi-family communities without access to charging.

Recently, Clean Edge, a leading cleantech research firm, released its 2014 U.S. Clean Tech Leadership Index. The Index, which tracks the cleantech activities of all 50 states and the 50 largest metro areas in the U.S. ranks San Diego the #3 metro area and California the #1 state. Maintaining this strong ranking, of which EV adoption and infrastructure is a substantial component, is critical to San Diego's regional profile as it helps us attract and retain cleantech companies – which in turn stimulates our local economy.

It is worth noting that CleanTECH San Diego is not a party to this proceeding, but is monitoring it closely because of its importance to our region's EV market and the state's environmental policy goals.

Thank you for considering this request. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jason Anderson