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RE: Letter of Support for the Center for Sustainable Energy's Proposal for EPIC 15-308: Reducing Costs for Communities and Businesses through Integrated Demand-side Management and Zero Net Energy Demonstrations

Dear California Energy Commission:

Cleantech San Diego is pleased to provide this letter in support of the Center for Sustainable Energy's (CSE) proposal to implement a combination of cutting-edge technologies that will allow five existing libraries in the City of San Diego to cost-effectively demonstrate energy efficiency, zero net energy (ZNE), and integrated demand side management (IDSM) technologies, while serving as a center of education and engagement on ZNE and IDSM strategies for disadvantaged communities.

Cleantech San Diego is a business organization that positions the greater San Diego region as a global leader in the cleantech economy. We strongly value the work of CSE and its positive impact on the state's energy market. CSE has put together a proposal that will not only demonstrate the effectiveness of new technologies, but will also benefit the environment and the economy – which is important to Cleantech San Diego.

This project presents an opportunity to demonstrate innovative energy technology packages that will allow the City of San Diego to achieve real energy savings, within 10% of the cost of conventional approaches. The technology to be employed will have significant impacts that improve indoor air quality for library visitors and staff, along with additional environmental benefits for the community. Similarly, this project will help inform cost-effective strategies to IDSM for public agencies that inform further ZNE achievements in our community. We believe this project – with its specific focus on demonstrating cost-effective technologies that maximize energy efficiency at a large scale – is critical to meeting California's energy efficiency targets and the goals of AB 32 and AB 758.

CSE is an experienced and innovative leader in the California clean technology community. For more than two decades, CSE has managed numerous regional and statewide energy projects, applying their on-the-ground experience and stakeholder connections to facilitate the adoption of sustainable energy technologies and address barriers to market facilitation.

Cleantech San Diego strongly supports CSE's proposal in the current solicitation and is pleased to provide our support for this groundbreaking project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Anderson", written in a cursive style.

Jason Anderson
President and CEO
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