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Re: Letter of Commitment supporting the Los Angeles Regional Energy Innovation Cluster

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Cleantech San Diego, please accept this letter of support for the Los Angeles Regional Energy Innovation Cluster's application – led by the Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator (LACI) - in response to the California Energy Commission's Los Angeles *Regional Energy Innovation Cluster* grant opportunity.

Cleantech San Diego is a nonprofit member organization that positions the greater San Diego region as a global leader in the cleantech economy. We achieve this by fostering collaborations across the private-public-academic landscape, leading advocacy efforts to promote cleantech priorities, and encouraging investment in the San Diego region. Our primary mission is to accelerate clean technology innovation and the adoption of sustainable business practices for the benefit of the economy and the environment.

With its proposed program, Cleantech San Diego believes the Los Angeles Regional Energy Innovation Cluster will deliver top-tier services in the region by leveraging its strengths in clean energy commercialization, economic development, community outreach, convening regional cleantech stakeholders, workforce development, and specific technology expertise. With its multi-stakeholder, collaborative method, the proposal will create the region's first comprehensive approach to supporting clean energy entrepreneurs on their path to commercialization, while encouraging new partnerships and aligning existing efforts to better meet the needs of clean energy cluster stakeholders in the four county region.

In order to maximize benefit to IOU ratepayers throughout California and leverage our respective regional strengths and capabilities, as the Program Manager for the San Diego Regional Energy Innovation Cluster, Cleantech San Diego is committed to working with the Los Angeles Regional Energy Innovation Cluster to strengthen the exchange of entrepreneurs and mentors in our respective networks and connect entrepreneurs to the services they need most.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Anderson". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue horizontal line.

Jason Anderson
President and CEO
Cleantech San Diego