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Subject: Docket No. 11-IEP-1A, California Clean Energy Future

Dear Chairman Weisenmiller:

We would like to offer our comments on the current direction of California Clean Energy Future, as laid out during the July 6th workshop held by the California Energy Commission's Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR) Committee, with the California Air Resources Board, California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA), California Independent System Operator Corporation, and California Public Utilities Commission. These comments offer input on how to revise and update California Clean Energy Future to ensure that this plans helps us to meet the state's ambitious energy and environmental goals, and that it aligns with Governor Brown's Clean Energy Jobs Plan.

There is a fundamental oversight in the current design of California Clean Energy Future (CCEF): a lack of attention to jobs. We urge the Committee to adopt metrics for job creation and job quality into CCEF. Governor Brown's vision for clean energy explicitly emphasizes its impact on jobs, and CCEF needs to incorporate ways to measure progress on this front as well. The elements laid out in CCEF and the Governor's Plan , including energy efficiency, renewable energy power plants, and distributed generation (among others), will generate a significant amount of work for Californians.

This job creation should be carefully tracked so we can reliably estimate to what degree our clean energy policies and investments create jobs in the state. The quality of jobs is also critical and should be tracked. Not all green jobs are good jobs; some are dead-end, low wage jobs. Wage and benefit levels should be tracked to ensure that our clean energy policies create middle class jobs and reward skill acquisition for Californians. Creating jobs with a future and decent pay for Californians is central to reviving the state's economy, and CCEF should explicitly articulate how we will accomplish this and measure our progress.

The quality of the work carried out by Californians in response to our clean energy policy is also critical to achieving our clean energy and climate goals. The state has a responsibility to ensure that the work undertaken as part of CCEF is carried out correctly, by people with sufficient training to get the job done right. This means building on training systems, such as the state-certified apprenticeship system, that provide broad occupational training and lead to long-term careers, so that they can quickly upgrade their skills as new technologies are introduced. Progress reports on skills standards and training should also be part of CCEF.

To better integrate a focus on job impacts into the plan, we also request that the inter-agency Committee include the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency in CCEF alongside the state's environmental and energy agencies.

We appreciate this opportunity to comment and look forward to engaging in a dialogue around these issues.

Sincerely,
