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Pursuant to Rule 11.1 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure and to *Administrative Law Judge David Gamson’s Ruling Discontinuing Phase 1A and Setting Forth Issues for Phase 1B*, issued March 25, 2015, the California Energy Storage Alliance (“CESA”)<sup>1</sup> respectfully moves the admission into the record of this proceeding the following testimony:

1. Testimony of Janice Lin, dated September 24, 2014.
2. Reply Testimony of Janice Lin, dated December 18, 2014.

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<sup>1</sup> 1 Energy Systems Inc., Abengoa, Advanced Microgrid Solutions, AES Energy Storage, Aquion Energy, ARES North America, Brookfield, Chargepoint, Clean Energy Systems, CODA Energy, Consolidated Edison Development, Inc., Cumulus Energy Storage, Customized Energy Solutions, Demand Energy, Duke Energy, Dynapower Company, LLC, Eagle Crest Energy Company, East Penn Manufacturing Company, Ecoult, ELSYS Inc., Energy Storage Systems, Inc., Enersys, EnerVault Corporation, Enphase ENERGY, EV Grid, Flextronics, GE Energy Storage, Green Charge Networks, Greensmith Energy, Gridtential Energy, Inc., Hitachi Chemical Co., Ice Energy, IMERGY Power Systems, Innovation Core SEI, Inc. (A Sumitomo Electric Company), Invenergy LLC, K&L Gates, LG Chem Power, Inc., LightSail Energy, Lockheed Martin Advanced Energy Storage LLC, LS Power Development, LLC, Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP, Mitsubishi Corporation (Americas), Mobile Solar, NEC Energy Solutions, Inc., NextEra Energy Resources, NRG Solar LLC, OutBack Power Technologies, Panasonic, Parker Hannifin Corporation, Powertree Services Inc., Primus Power Corporation, Princeton Power Systems, Recurrent Energy, Renewable Energy Systems Americas Inc., Rosendin Electric, S&C Electric Company, Saft America Inc., Sharp Electronics Corporation, Skylar Capital Management, SolarCity, Sony Corporation of America, Sovereign Energy, STEM, SunEdison, SunPower, Toshiba International Corporation, Trimark Associates, Inc., Tri-Technic, Wellhead Electric.

CESA submits the foregoing testimony is relevant to the issues in the proceeding, contains factual evidence or professional opinions of Ms. Lin that are true and correct to the best of her knowledge, and should be admitted into the record in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,



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1 **Q: Please state your name and business address.**

2 **A:** My name is Janice Lin. I am Executive Director of the California Energy Storage  
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16 of Business, a BS from the Wharton School of Business and a BA in International  
17 Relations from the University of Pennsylvania’s College of Arts and Sciences.

18 **Q.:** Have you ever testified before this Commission?

19 **A:** Yes.

20 **Q:** On whose behalf are you testifying?

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23 energy and a more efficient, affordable, clean, and reliable electric power system.

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2 renewable energy component manufacturers, developers and systems integrators. CESA  
3 is a technology-neutral and business model-neutral association of members who share a  
4 common mission, the promotion of energy storage solutions to the energy infrastructure,  
5 and is supported solely by the contributions and coordinated activities of its members.<sup>1</sup>

6 **Q.** What is the purpose of your testimony?

7 **A:** The purpose of my testimony is to explain how and why energy storage should be  
8 expressly considered in determining future system reliability needs, including the need  
9 for flexible resources in this proceeding, and in its beneficial role to help achieve the  
10 state's emissions reduction goals.

11 **1. The Commission should emphasize the game changing importance of energy**  
12 **storage in utility procurement.**

13 The grid today is not the grid that we've known for the last 50 years. The grid of  
14 today has a less constant supply profile, and significant amounts of variable generation  
15 that has entered and will continue entering the system between now through 2020 and  
16 beyond. Today's grid also has a more variable demand profile, especially with the  
17 widespread use of electronic devices and the electrification of transportation, including  
18 electric vehicles. Looking forward, this evolving grid requires increasing flexibility,  
19 intelligence, and diversity to remain reliable, sustainable, efficient, and effective. Energy  
20 storage is a crucial asset in this energy future - and thus it needs support and emphasis at  
21 all levels, as advocated for by utilities such as San Diego Gas & Electric Company:

22 "Storage Technology (ST) can also be used with DR [Distributed  
23 Renewables] and DG [Distributed Generation] to provide dispatchable

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<sup>1</sup> See, "About Us - Overview." *California Energy Storage Alliance*,  
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1 energy and capacity, ramping, voltage support, and frequency control.  
2 The most advanced ST can provide capacity, instructed energy, and  
3 other CAISO services in order to obtain greater revenue. Location on  
4 the grid is also a possible NPV/BCR driver, particularly to remedy  
5 specific grid constraints. Strategically located ST may directly reduce  
6 T&D costs. *ST is similar to DR but provides even greater optionality*  
7 *(Emphasis added)*".<sup>2</sup>

8 These multiple capabilities of energy storage will allow California to optimize  
9 and more efficiently utilize the assets that we have as well as new assets that are  
10 developed. This includes the generation, transmission, distribution, and consumption  
11 segments of the energy system. As a point of reference, California's load factor currently  
12 stands at 51.4%,<sup>3</sup> meaning that we have nearly double the installed capacity that would be  
13 needed if the annual consumption of electricity total were spread out evenly throughout  
14 the year. While energy storage cannot completely eliminate this discrepancy, it can  
15 improve California's load factor and system performance by block loading and  
16 dispatching only the most efficient existing gas power capacity. Through this  
17 characteristic and others, deployment of energy storage will result in greater utilization of  
18 our existing assets - both conventional and renewable energy facilities, transmission and  
19 distribution infrastructure, and consumption-level resources - leading to savings for  
20 ratepayers and a more secure, resilient electric system.

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<sup>2</sup> "Integrated Demand-Side Management (IDSMS) Cost-Effectiveness Framework White Paper." Prepared by Black & Veatch Corporation for San Diego Gas & Electric Company, May 12, 2011. Pg. 8.

<sup>3</sup> "Preliminary California Energy Demand Forecast" Mark Ciminelli, et. al., California Energy Commission Draft Staff Report, August 2011. <http://www.energy.ca.gov/2011publications/CEC-200-2011-011/CEC-200-2011-011-SD.pdf>. Peak load trends from 1990-2022 (projected) in Fig. 1-4, pp. 17-18. Annual consumption & peak load figures on pg. 12; Load factors for 2010 calculated using:

$$\text{Load Factor} = \frac{\left[ \frac{\text{Annual Energy Consumption in MWh}}{365 * 24h} \right]}{\text{Peak Demand in MW}}$$

1 Energy storage can also be a highly effective tool to facilitate other energy policy  
2 goals, such as implementing the Renewables Portfolio Standard (“RPS”), and as we move  
3 beyond the RPS with increased renewables penetration that is needed to stay in line with  
4 the AB 32 emissions reduction trajectory targets for 2030-2050. The breadth of energy  
5 storage deployment capabilities is reflected in the entire asset class’s multiple benefit  
6 streams, which include load leveling, energy time transfer, energy reserve capacity, and  
7 voltage regulation, among others. These benefit streams may be applied in multiple  
8 flexible situations to further a number of policy goals, from infrastructure investment  
9 management to emissions reduction. For example, the Commission will be working over  
10 the next several decades to reduce California’s energy-based carbon footprint. Energy  
11 storage enables a smarter, more flexible, more optimized electric power system and that  
12 will enable us to use more and more renewable energy sources. Further, because of the  
13 difference between the emissions and variable cost of base/intermediate load and peak  
14 generation facilities, energy storage helps reduce emissions and avoids variable cost by  
15 facilitating reduced as well as more efficient use of gas-fueled power plants; similar  
16 savings are also achieved because of differences between transmission and distribution  
17 losses during the night and daytime.

18 Ultimately, the Commission’s emphasis on energy storage in procurement will  
19 enable the benefits of this versatile asset class to be realized sooner. Once the market is  
20 seeded with actual procurement for distributed and bulk energy storage, the industry and  
21 stakeholders will respond. This will stimulate further investment, which will create jobs,  
22 drive down costs in general, and start building the system of investors, manufacturers,



1 and installers that are needed to create a healthy industry. The more mature that system  
2 becomes, the lower the cost, the wider the use, and the greater the benefits will all be.

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4 **2. The Commission’s long-term procurement planning analysis for Phase 1b**  
5 **should include energy storage.**

6 The grid is a very dynamic and constantly evolving system, and if our goal is to  
7 envision and plan for the best-functioning future grid with reduced carbon at the lowest  
8 cost, we must understand how every beneficial technology can be integrated into it going  
9 forward. Energy storage represents a very broad and useful technology class that is  
10 currently in its early stages of adaptation for grid-use (with the exception of pumped  
11 hydro which is already the most widely deployed energy storage technology, with over  
12 135,000 MW<sup>4</sup> installed globally). There is no question that energy storage can provide  
13 operating and flexibility attributes essential for a reliable electric grid. Incorporating  
14 energy storage into all stages of the planning process, including the most immediate  
15 timetables, will facilitate the development of both the energy storage industry and a  
16 resilient, dynamic grid that meets our vision. CESA therefore strongly urges that some of  
17 the scenarios to be considered expressly factor in the potential of this very broad asset  
18 class. In fact, CESA recommends a very strong emphasis on energy storage in all  
19 planning scenarios that will be evaluated in Phase 1b of this proceeding. The benefits of  
20 increased levels of energy storage will thus be directly observable in the results of the  
21 analysis in the form of a cost-effective over-generation solution and to maximize the  
22 emissions reduction potential of preferred resources. Additionally, modeling will likely

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<sup>4</sup> Alstom

1 demonstrate the increased flexibility and capacity value of the preferred resources when  
2 integrated with the addition of energy storage.

3 CESA recommends that both Southern California Edison (“SCE”) and the CAISO  
4 run sensitivity scenarios in Phase 1b with incremental energy storage added. CESA  
5 recommends running at least two sensitivities using quantities and configurations of  
6 energy storage, similar to that which was modeled by NREL for the recent California  
7 2030 Low Carbon Grid Study.<sup>5</sup> Each of the sensitivities should be modeled as part of  
8 other portfolio scenarios, including the High Case, Trajectory Case, 40% RPS, and  
9 Expanded Preferred Resources scenarios.

10 Storage Sensitivity Scenario One should add 1000 MW of pumped energy storage  
11 to the grid resource mix modeled by SCE and the CAISO.

12 Storage Sensitivity Scenario Two should add 1000 MW of pumped energy  
13 storage to the grid resource mix, as above, as well as 1200 MW of bulk and distributed  
14 energy storage.

15 Storage Sensitivity Scenario Three is an optional sensitivity that would evaluate  
16 1200 MW of bulk and distributed energy storage.

17 The amount of pumped energy storage requested to be modeled is highly viable.  
18 Several CESA members are actively developing projects in numerous locations in and  
19 just outside of California that total well beyond 1,000 MW. These projects are a source  
20 of cost and performance data for the Low-Carbon Grid Study. Those developers are able  
21 to provide actual cost and performance data for the Commission’s analysis in this  
22 proceeding.

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<sup>5</sup> <http://www.lowcarbongrid2030.org>.

1           These scenarios and the recommended modeling modifications will allow the  
2 Commission to identify the degree to which varying levels of energy storage can provide  
3 system benefit by facilitating GHG emissions reduction, supporting system reliability,  
4 and making the best use of California’s renewable energy portfolio. The data will  
5 support future planning and decision-making around capacity and over-generation  
6 options.

7           Energy storage with multiple benefit streams is already being included in long-  
8 term grid projections at the national level. NREL, in projections allowing high grid  
9 penetration of renewable generation, recognizes the necessity of energy storage and its  
10 related expansion to the success of tomorrow’s grid. Under the 80%-renewable scenarios  
11 for 2050 outlined in NREL’s recent Renewable Energy Futures Study (a separate study  
12 unrelated to the LCGS), energy capacity expands to 100-152 gigawatts (“GW”)  
13 nationwide for energy flexibility (“the ability to shift bulk energy over several hours or  
14 more”) alone, depending on the specific scenario studied.<sup>6</sup> As much as 10-20 GW of this  
15 capacity is projected for California,<sup>7</sup> including other applications – power quality and  
16 regulation, bridging power, etc., – will expand this capacity further. As important, NREL  
17 in the Futures Study projects a front-loading of capacity installation, especially in the  
18 early-2020s to early-2030s, with extremely active years in 2022-2023.<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>6</sup> “Renewable Energy Futures Study. Volume 2: Renewable Electricity Generation and Storage Technologies” Hand, M.M. et. al. (ed.) *National Renewable Energy Laboratory*. Figure 12-7: Deployment of Energy Storage Technologies in 2050 under 80% RE Scenarios. Pg. 12-29. [http://www.nrel.gov/analysis/re\\_futures/](http://www.nrel.gov/analysis/re_futures/).

<sup>7</sup> NREL. Vol. 2, Figure 12-13. “Regional deployment of storage in the contiguous United States in the constrained flexibility scenario.” Pg. 12-28.

<sup>8</sup> NREL. Vol. 2, Figure 12-12. “Deployment of energy storage technologies in the constrained flexibility scenario.” Pg. 12-27.

1           Achieving much-needed levels of energy storage deployment in California’s  
2 energy system portfolio will be significantly easier if industry expansion and energy  
3 storage deployment begin immediately. Starting now will facilitate much-needed  
4 industry growth, which will in turn lead to lower costs and greater annual installation  
5 capabilities. It is also imperative that the Commission recognize the urgency and  
6 necessity of including energy storage, both in terms of achieving statewide goals and in  
7 doing so cost-effectively. CEERT, for example, concurred with this point this in its

8 Reply Comments:

9           “‘At a time when the Commission and the California Independent  
10 System Operator (CAISO) are focused on renewable integration and  
11 the potential need for ‘flexible capacity,’ any standard planning  
12 assumptions or scenarios should recognize that demand response [of  
13 which storage is included] can provide ‘balancing capabilities faster  
14 and more cost-effectively than traditional generation.’”<sup>9</sup>

15           Acting now will smooth out the overall incorporation of energy storage into the  
16 grid, lowering average annual costs and allowing for more effective integration with  
17 other technologies.

### 18           **3. Emissions and Avoided Cost Value of Energy Storage**

19           The planning focus of these studies must recognize and incorporate state policy  
20 emanating from the California Air Resources Board’s (“CARB’s”) GHG reduction goals,  
21 and convert them into rational and effective electric sector procurement scenarios through  
22 2030. In recent past LTPP cycles, achieving 33% RPS compliance has been a critical  
23 consideration, which has been successfully achieved. However, procurement to meet the  
24 CARB’s 2030 goals, on its trajectory to 2050 goals<sup>10</sup>, requires carbon-free primary

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<sup>9</sup> “Reply Comments of the Center for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Technologies on Energy Division’s Standard Planning Assumptions Straw Proposal,” June 11, 2012.

<sup>10</sup> CARB Goal to reduce California CO2 emissions by 80% from 1990 levels.

1 energy that amounts to approximately 55% renewable energy penetration.<sup>11</sup> In addition  
2 to zero carbon energy generation needs, meaningful procurement of bulk energy storage  
3 is important to achieve the level of reliable cost-effective firm energy required beyond  
4 2020 to be compliant with the CARB’s GHG reduction goals. The scope and nature of  
5 this study should aim to recognize the full scale of carbon-free resources required by  
6 2030, and the important role for bulk energy storage.

7 A strong study example that should be considered is The LCGS. NREL is  
8 conducting the modeling work. This study “explores how the California electric sector  
9 can cost-effectively support deep reductions in GHG emissions. According to Phase I  
10 modeling results, the California electric grid can reduce emissions by more than 50%  
11 below 2012 levels by the year 2030 with minimal rate impact, minimal curtailment to  
12 renewables, and without compromising reliability. These findings are significant because  
13 they illustrate an affordable, reliable, and practical trajectory toward meeting California’s  
14 ambitious 2050 GHG emission reduction goals.”<sup>12</sup> The Target case in this study  
15 effectively lowers electric sector emissions from 78 MMT to 40 MMT (compared to the  
16 Baseline case), a total emissions reduction of 58% below 2012 GHG levels (63% below  
17 1990 levels). The Target Case, in order to stay on the ARB target for 2030, requires 177  
18 TWh of zero-carbon energy additions, a 67 TWh increase from the Baseline Case.

19 In addition to its strong time shifting capability and as an over-generation  
20 solution, there is also a huge opportunity for distributed and bulk energy storage and  
21 strategically sited distributed energy storage, to displace a very significant portion of the  
22 inefficient high heat rate peaking plant dispatch, and also to displace the lesser efficient

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<sup>11</sup> Note California 2030 Low Carbon Grid Study (“LCGS”). <http://www.lowcarbongrid2030.org>.

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1 CCGT plants. There are substantial CO2 emissions reductions, and increased economic  
2 value through avoided variable cost of the inefficient gas generators. This occurs simply  
3 by charging during off-peak hours and nominally increasing the capacity factor of the  
4 most efficient marginal gas power that will be economically dispatched when needed.  
5 This avoids the on-peak emissions of the otherwise dispatched gas capacity that is  
6 normally highly polluting with a high variable cost due to its very high heat rate, and  
7 inefficient dispatching cycles.<sup>13</sup>

8 **4. The Commission should continue to reiterate the importance of procuring**  
9 **established energy storage technologies like pumped energy storage and**  
10 **stress that its energy decision was not intended to discourage the**  
11 **development of such projects.**

12 The Commission’s energy storage decision mandating the procurement of energy  
13 storage projects of less than 50 MW will likely drive the development of new and  
14 increasingly cost-effective energy storage technologies. That decision went out of its  
15 way to suggest that the Commission recognize the important role that pumped energy  
16 storage should play going forward.

17 “We emphasize that our decision to limit the size of pumped storage  
18 projects in the decision is not to discourage large-scale pumped storage  
19 projects. On the contrary, these types of projects offer similar benefits  
20 as all of the as all of the emerging storage technologies targeted by this  
21 program; it is simply their scale that is inappropriate for inclusion here.  
22 *We strongly encourage the utilities to explore opportunities to partner*  
23 *with developers to install large-scale pumped storage projects where*  
24 *they make sense within the other general procurement efforts underway*  
25 *in the context of the LTPP proceeding or elsewhere. (Emphasis*  
26 *added)”<sup>14</sup>*

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<sup>13</sup> See Alton Energy’s Comments in the recent CAISO Energy Storage Roadmap for further analysis.

<sup>14</sup> D 13-10-040 at 36.

1           The Commission should continue to infuse this message in these proceedings,  
2 including, as noted above, by including sensitivity analyses that include realistic energy  
3 storage scenarios as noted above.

#### 5           **5. Bulk Storage Value and Role in the LTPP**

6           Bulk energy storage, including pumped hydro, is a cost-effective, proven, reliable  
7 energy storage technology able to integrate the magnitude of low cost carbon-free wind  
8 and solar energy needed to meet the growing zero-carbon energy requirements.  
9 California is fortunate to have available several large-scale cost-effective pumped energy  
10 storage projects that are well along in the development process. These are of high  
11 importance for meeting the CARB’s GHG emission reduction goals, and procurement is  
12 needed near-term to allow for a rational timeframe for construction and availability  
13 before 2024.

14           An advanced bulk energy storage procurement framework needs to be adopted to  
15 allow for the procurement of large-scale resources from the Commission’s LTPP  
16 process<sup>15</sup>. Planning studies need to evaluate and support this initiative, and interagency  
17 collaboration is critical in order to design a procurement methodology and  
18 interconnection process that is suitable to support valuable long-life assets such as  
19 pumped hydro.

20           We feel it is critical that a proper valuation tool and methodology be designed that  
21 effectively quantifies the economic benefits of bulk energy storage projects. This tool

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<sup>15</sup> Longer-duration bulk dispatchable technologies that are able to cost-effectively compete directly with gas, such large-scale pumped hydro storage, have been excluded from the energy storage proceeding (above 50 MW), but the Commission has encouraged pumped hydro procurement, particularly in the context of the LTPP.

1 would properly quantify the potential ancillary service value, capacity value, renewables  
2 integration value, avoided T&D value, TOD factors, and avoided emissions and variable  
3 cost value. From the quantification of this value, it will be clear that bulk energy storage  
4 adds far more economic benefit to the ratepayer than it does cost. Although the true  
5 benefits of energy storage generally occur on the aggregate system level, this type of  
6 cost/benefit analysis methodology on a project level could help to establish an adequate  
7 valuation that feeds into the establishment of competitive long-term contracts that allow  
8 bulk energy storage plants to be financed and built. This project valuation tool could then  
9 be incorporated into a system model with the proper input parameters to demonstrate the  
10 net system value with and without the bulk energy storage project. This cost-benefit  
11 analysis is important for establishing a procurement methodology for large capital-  
12 intensive bulk energy storage assets, which can exceed 1000 MW.

13 The real rationale and justification for long-term contracts is not just project  
14 bankability, but most importantly it is to procure long-life valuable assets that avoid  
15 substantial cost, and to create long-term environmental and economic value that far  
16 exceeds the cost to the ratepayer. Over the course of the 75+ year operational life of a  
17 pumped energy storage plant, analysis shows that the total avoided cost and economic  
18 benefits to the system and ratepayer is very substantial. This needs to be converted into a  
19 methodology and basis for entering into long-term contracts with these valuable system  
20 assets.

21 Long-term planning procedures must also account for the increased capacity value  
22 available from renewables if substantial energy storage is deployed, and thus encourage  
23 the continued development of renewables as a fundamental value towards capacity,



1 reserves, and lowest carbon ancillary services. In addition to proper valuation needed for  
2 the many ancillary service and fast ramping flexible capacity attributes of bulk energy  
3 storage, we urge the Commission and other agencies and utilities to consider bulk energy  
4 storage as a powerful tool for avoiding emissions and variable costs. It is also important  
5 to evaluate the avoided T&D cost associated with bulk energy storage projects that could  
6 replace the need for otherwise costly T&D investments.

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8 **6. The Commission should direct the CAISO to allow battery energy storage to**  
9 **count toward the 25% regional generation requirement constraint.**

10 In order to optimize the GHG and operational benefits of energy storage, CESA  
11 requests that the CAISO include battery energy storage in the 25% regional generation  
12 requirement indicated in Dr. Lui's testimony in the 40% RPS case. It is CESA's view  
13 that the addition of appropriately located and specified battery energy storage can provide  
14 the frequency response needed to support the NERC requirements indicated in Dr. Lui's  
15 testimony, without the need to run traditional generators in a suboptimal manner. The  
16 constraint, as modeled, was responsible for 39% of the over-generation in the 40% RPS  
17 scenario. Because battery energy storage can support NERC reliability standards without  
18 running additional thermal generation at an inefficient pMin, this modification will  
19 greatly reduce system over-generation in cases where energy storage is added to the  
20 resource mix.

21 **Q: Does this conclude your testimony?**

22 **A:** Yes it does.

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8 **A:** The purpose of my testimony is to explain why additional modeling is needed to  
9 determine California's true future system reliability needs.

10 **1. System reliability should not be looked at in isolation from California's**  
11 **policy goals**

12 It is becoming increasingly clear that the legacy approach to Long-term Procurement  
13 Planning ("LTPP") through 10 year cycles - which allowed California investor owned  
14 utilities ("IOUs") to recover from the energy crisis in 2002 - is no longer suited to meet  
15 the true long term energy policy goals of our State. The current approach advocated for  
16 by some parties of "kicking the can down the road" and assuming that "2016 LTPP will  
17 provide sufficient time to procure, permit, and construct new resources for 2024,"<sup>2</sup> will  
18 create a series of negative side effects and could certainly compromise the ability to meet  
19 the targets established in the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 and other California  
20 greenhouse gas ("GHG") emission reduction-oriented laws and policies.

21 At this critical crossroads for California, when "the electrical system is undergoing and  
22 planning for unprecedented changes, including the introduction of unprecedented levels

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<http://www.storagealliance.org/about.html>.

<sup>2</sup> See, e.g., System and Flexibility Analysis Results for the 2014 LTPP Phase 1a, Southern California Edison, Slide 3

1 of intermittent renewable energy,”<sup>3</sup> it seems myopic to take shortcuts when it comes to  
2 understanding the true needs of a carbon free electric power system. It seems equally  
3 dangerous to consider reliability needs in isolation from California’s policy goals.

4 **2. Modeling efforts should project beyond 10 years and include solutions to**  
5 **reach the State’s Policy Goals**

6 The Commission should take an approach in this proceeding that focuses efforts to  
7 expressly incorporate California's environmental policy goals. At a minimum, this  
8 means:

- 9 - Evaluating GHG emission impacts of various reliability procurement options and  
10 providing guidance to IOUs on the GHG implications of power procurement  
11 options.
- 12 - Examining long term evolution of the energy resource mix, beyond 10 years into  
13 the future.

14 CESA is currently involved in efforts similar to the approach that was modeled by NREL  
15 for the recent “California 2030 Low Carbon Grid Study.”<sup>4</sup> That modeling will give the  
16 Commission better information to begin to determine the most appropriate solutions to  
17 meet the California Air Resources Board’s 2030 goals, on its trajectory to 2050 goals,  
18 requiring carbon-free primary energy that amounts to approximately 55% renewable  
19 energy penetration.

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<sup>3</sup> “A Review of Current Issues with Long Term Resource Adequacy.” Prepared by the Commission’s Energy Division & Policy and Planning Division, February 20, 2013, p. 5.

<sup>4</sup> See, <http://www.lowcarbongrid2030.org>.

1                   **3. The results of LTPP modeling to date are inconclusive and there are many**  
2                   **solutions to overgeneration and capacity shortfall that need to be modeled in**  
3                   **the LTPP Process.**

4                   Overgeneration and capacity shortfall have been concerning issues in the modeling  
5                   completed to date in this proceeding. Numerous solutions to overgeneration exist, as  
6                   highlighted by Southern California Edison (“SCE”): exports, price incentives, non-  
7                   traditional demand response, curtailment, directed EV charging, energy storage, etc.<sup>5</sup> We  
8                   must model solutions to generation, and make sure that modeling includes an evaluation  
9                   of the grid heat rate with different options.

10                  CESA disagrees with SCE that we should wait until 2016 to conduct this modeling and  
11                  any consideration of potential need for new procurement. Given the discrepancy between  
12                  the California Independent System Operator’s (“CAISO’s”) stochastic modeling results,  
13                  it appears that significant capacity additions may very well be required by 2024. As the  
14                  Commission evaluates those potential capacity additions, we should be modeling  
15                  overgeneration options that may improve the benefit of the renewables we are installing  
16                  through the Renewables Portfolio Standard (“RPS”).

17                  Further exploring the four variables of stochastic modeling (load, solar, wind, and forced  
18                  outage) is the only way to capture the true requirements of a less constant supply profile,  
19                  more variable generation, and more flexible demand. CESA is committed to finding a  
20                  solution to this evolving grid that requires increasing flexibility, intelligence, and  
21                  diversity to remain reliable, sustainable, efficient, and effective. Energy storage is a  
22                  crucial asset in this energy future - and thus it needs support and emphasis at all levels, as  
23                  advocated for by utilities such as San Diego Gas & Electric Company:

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<sup>5</sup> System and Flexibility Analysis Results for the 2014 LTPP Phase 1A presented on December 5, 2014, Slide 5.

1 “Storage Technology (ST) can also be used with DR [Distributed  
2 Renewables] and DG [Distributed Generation] to provide dispatchable  
3 energy and capacity, ramping, voltage support, and frequency control.  
4 The most advanced ST can provide capacity, instructed energy, and  
5 other CAISO services in order to obtain greater revenue. Location on  
6 the grid is also a possible NPV/BCR driver, particularly to remedy  
7 specific grid constraints. Strategically located ST may directly reduce  
8 T&D costs. *ST is similar to DR but provides even greater optionality*  
9 (Emphasis added).<sup>6</sup>

10 In addition to its strong time shifting capability and as an -generation solution, there is  
11 also a huge opportunity for distributed and bulk energy storage and strategically sited  
12 distributed energy storage, to displace a very significant portion of the inefficient high  
13 heat rate peaking plant dispatch, and also to displace lesser efficient fossil plants.

14 **4. Storage is a solution with clear benefits that will contribute to California’s**  
15 **policy goals.**

16 CESA advocates that, out of all the overgeneration solutions proposed by SCE, energy  
17 storage is most likely to provide the greatest GHG emissions reductions, given  
18 California’s renewable energy portfolio.

19 Energy storage can capture excess renewable energy and use it to provide zero emissions  
20 capacity at a later time. Given that the CAISO modeling results show 822 hours of  
21 renewable curtailment, peaking at nearly 13,402 megawatts, that could arise in 2024  
22 under a 40% renewable portfolio standard<sup>7</sup>, the benefits of energy storage are likely to be  
23 very significant.

24 As CESA believes modeling will show, energy storage can also greatly reduce the  
25 quantity of thermal resources starting and operating at inefficient pMin levels in order to

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<sup>6</sup> “Integrated Demand-Side Management (“IDSM”) Cost-Effectiveness Framework White Paper.”  
Prepared by Black & Veatch Corporation for San Diego Gas & Electric Company, May 12, 2011. p. 8.

<sup>7</sup> Attachment 1 to the CAISO’s Testimony, p. 1.

1 provide sufficient ramping capability to ensure reliable grid operations.<sup>8</sup> Energy storage  
2 can provide load leveling, energy time transfer, energy reserve capacity, and voltage  
3 regulation. These benefits that may be applied in multiple flexible situations to further a  
4 number of policy goals, from infrastructure investment management to emissions  
5 reduction.

6 Deployment of energy storage will result in greater utilization of our existing assets -  
7 both conventional and renewable energy facilities, transmission and distribution  
8 infrastructure, and consumption-level resources - leading to savings for ratepayers and a  
9 more secure, resilient electric system. Importantly, it is readily apparent in testimony  
10 submitted to date that the benefits of energy storage will increase more renewables are  
11 added to the grid.

12 **5. The Commission's long-term procurement planning analysis for Phase 1b**  
13 **should emphasize the value of energy storage.**

14 CESA recommends that both SCE and the CAISO run sensitivity scenarios with  
15 incremental energy storage added. CESA recommends running at least two sensitivities  
16 using quantities and configurations of energy storage, similar to that which was modeled  
17 by NREL for the 2030 Low Carbon Grid Study. Each of the sensitivities should be  
18 modeled as part of other portfolio scenarios, including the High Case, Trajectory Case,  
19 40% RPS, and Expanded Preferred Resources scenarios.

20 Storage Sensitivity Scenario One should add 1000 MW of pumped energy storage to the  
21 grid resource mix modeled by SCE and the CAISO.

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<sup>8</sup> In its Testimony served on November 24, 2014, CESA included reference to the frequency response levels required to support NERC reliability standards in the CAISO's deterministic model, which was based upon analysis by Union of Concerned Scientists.



1 Storage Sensitivity Scenario Two should add 1000 MW of pumped energy storage to the  
2 grid resource mix, as above, as well as 1200 MW of bulk and distributed energy storage.

3 Storage Sensitivity Scenario Three is an optional sensitivity that would evaluate 1200  
4 MW of bulk and distributed energy storage.

5 The amount of pumped energy storage requested to be modeled is highly viable. Several  
6 CESA member companies are actively developing projects in locations in California and  
7 adjacent grid-connected states that total well over 1,000 MW. These projects are a very  
8 useful source of cost and performance data for the 2030 Low-Carbon Grid Study. Those  
9 developers are able to provide actual cost and performance data for the Commission's  
10 analysis in this proceeding.

11 **6. The Commission should continue to reiterate the importance of procuring**  
12 **established energy storage technologies like pumped energy storage and**  
13 **stress that its energy decision was not intended to discourage the**  
14 **development of such projects.**

15 The Commission's energy storage decision mandating the procurement of energy storage  
16 projects will likely drive the development of new and increasingly cost-effective energy  
17 storage technologies. That decision went out of its way to suggest that the Commission  
18 recognize the important role that pumped energy storage should play going forward.

19 "We emphasize that our decision to limit the size of pumped storage  
20 projects in the decision is not to discourage large-scale pumped storage  
21 projects. On the contrary, these types of projects offer similar benefits  
22 as all of the as all of the emerging storage technologies targeted by this  
23 program; it is simply their scale that is inappropriate for inclusion here.  
24 *We strongly encourage the utilities to explore opportunities to partner*  
25 *with developers to install large-scale pumped storage projects where*  
26 *they make sense within the other general procurement efforts underway*  
27 *in the context of the LTPP proceeding or elsewhere. (Emphasis*  
28 *added)"<sup>9</sup>*

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<sup>9</sup> D.13-10-040, p. 36.

1           The Commission should continue to emphasize this important message in this  
2           proceeding, including, as noted above, by running sensitivity analyses that include  
3           realistic energy storage scenarios.

4   **Q:   Does this conclude your testimony?**

5   **A:   Yes it does.**