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Drew Bohan, Executive Director California Energy Commission 715 P Street Sacramento, CA 95814

#### RE: Application of Orange County Power Authority for Confidential Designation of Information Contained in its 2025 IEPR Electricity and Gas Demand Forecast Forms

Dear Mr. Bohan:

Orange County Power Authority (OCPA) hereby requests that the California Energy Commission (Commission) designate information included in OCPA's 2025 Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR) Electricity and Gas Demand Forecast as confidential pursuant to Title 20, California Code of Regulations, Section 2505 et seq. for the reasons set forth below.

In accordance with Appendix A to the Commission's *Forms and Instructions for Submitting Electricity Resource Plans and Transmission Information*, prepared by the Office of the Governor in support of the 2025 IEPR, dated July 30, 2024 (TN 258177) (Instructions), OCPA provides the following information in support of its application for confidentiality designation.

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## **Description and Identification of Confidential Information**

OCPA seeks confidential treatment for the data identified below as highlighted in OCPA's forms.

- 1. Form 1.1b, columns C-E and J: Current Year (2025) and forward years forecast load information.
- 2. Form 1.3, columns C-E and J-K: Current Year (2025) and forward years forecast load information.
- 3. Form 3, columns E-T: Current Year (2025) and forward years forecast load information.
- 4. Form 4: Current Year (2025) and forward years forecast load information.

### Length of Time the Information Should be Kept Confidential

OCPA requests that the Commission keep OCPA's information confidential and protected from public disclosure for a period of 3 years, until June 11, 2028 This length of time is needed to ensure that OCPA's market-sensitive load forecast and supply information remains secure from market participants that could make competitive use of this information to the detriment of OCPA, OCPA's ratepayers, and the electricity market as a whole.

### Provisions of Law Allowing the Commission to Keep the Documentation Confidential

OCPA seeks confidentiality for the designated information in its forms on the following bases:

- 1. <u>Public Entity Designation</u>. OCPA asserts confidentiality under Section 2505(b) as a local agency which possesses information pertinent to the responsibilities of the Commission that has been designated by OCPA as confidential under the Public Records Act.
- 2. <u>Balancing Tests</u>. Even if the above justification was not available, the information should be protected under California Government Code, Section 7922.000, which permits protection of information where the public interest in nondisclosure clearly outweighs the public interest in disclosure. The information in OCPA's forms is highly commercially sensitive, not publicly known, and if revealed could cause significant harm to load-serving entities (LSEs), like OCPA. Such information, if disclosed, would reveal contract prices, actual costs, projected costs, and projected revenues, which would have a significant impact on the energy and capacity market in California. The public does not have a meaningful interest in reviewing this information in a disaggregated form, and disclosure may impact the energy and capacity market causing public harm.

# **Disclosure in an Aggregated Form**

The data in question can be disclosed if it is aggregated with other LSE load forecast and supply information at a level that does not permit OCPA's confidential information to be derived from the aggregated data.

### The Submitted Information Is Presently Confidential

OCPA does not publicly disclose its bilateral contract prices, actual costs, projected costs, or projected revenues. OCPA considers such information market sensitive, as public disclosure of this information could compromise OCPA's competitive position in the electricity market.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the information contained in this application for confidential designation is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge. I also certify that as a community choice aggregator, OCPA is a local government agency and I am authorized to make the application and certification on behalf of Orange County Power Authority.

By:

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