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

RE: Support for The Soda Mountain Solar and Battery Storage Project

Dear Executive Director Bohan:

I am writing to express **IBEW Local Union 477's** support for the Soda Mountain Solar and Battery Storage Project, located in San Bernardino County, approximately six miles southwest of the town of Baker. The project spans 2,670 acres of federally managed land overseen by the Bureau of Land Management, and presently in the California Energy Commission's Assembly Bill 205 process.

The proposed facility includes 300 MW of solar generation capacity paired with 1,200 MWh of battery storage—enough to power over 140,000 homes, nearly one-fifth of all households in San Bernardino County. This project will play a critical role in enhancing the reliability of California's power grid, reducing energy price volatility, and helping to prevent rolling blackouts.

This project also brings vital economic benefits to the region and state. It will generate hundreds of well-paying construction jobs, boost local tax revenues, and support long-term employment in the surrounding communities. Critically, the project supports California's efforts to increase renewable energy production, reduce greenhouse gases, and increases overall grid reliability.

For all these reasons, I respectfully urge the California Energy Commission's approval of the Soda Mountain Solar and Battery Storage Project.

Sincerely,

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