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**Re: County of Los Angeles Proposed Reimbursement Budget Pursuant
to Public Resources Code Section 25538 – NOTICE OF DEFICIENCY**

Dear Samuel Dea:

The California Energy Commission (CEC) received the County of Los Angeles's Proposed Reimbursement Budget (Excel file) for review of the Prairie Song Reliability Project (25-OPT-02) Opt-In Certification Application filed on September 11, 2025 (TN 265989). CEC staff reviewed the proposed budget and determined it is incomplete.

Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 1878.1(c)(3), the following details the deficiencies that must be corrected to complete the proposed budget request process under California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 1878.1:

A. Justification of Line-Items

California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 1878.1(c) requires the proposed budget to justify each line-item amount and explain how each line-item is reasonably related to the matters which the agency is requested to review. Included herein is a copy of the proposed reimbursement budget included in your submittal (TN 265989) that identifies line-item cost estimates for multiple categories.

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY PRAIRIE SONG BESS
REVIEW COST ESTIMATE**

DEPARTMENT	DEPT TOTAL
Regional Planning	\$43,204.89
Public Works*	\$63,500.00
Fire	\$33,950.00
Public Health	\$4,342.56
Sheriff	\$7,500.00
DPW Franchise Agreement*	\$35,000.00
Other	\$1,415.00
TOTAL	\$188,912.45

*Does not include EIR review and Annual Franchise Fee

The County's cost estimate does not include justification for each line-item budget amount and does not explain what services the County would be performing and how it is reasonably related to the matters which the agency is requested to review. Please provide sufficient budget detail for each line-item category. As an example, please identify the expenses included in "Regional Planning", "Public Works", "Fire", "Public Health", "Sheriff", and "Other" tasks by line-items in addition to the total amount for these categories. Please update your request to include this information.

Note that the CEC staff does not expect the County to develop exhaustive analysis on the application or to procure expertise to review an application. Local jurisdictions generally focus their comments on topical areas of local concern and identify local laws that the jurisdiction wants to highlight for staff such as noise ordinances, local methods of calculating vehicle miles traveled, or local architectural standards. For samples of prior comment letters from local jurisdictions, see:

<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=243152&DocumentContentId=76834>

<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=245911&DocumentContentId=80088>

<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=68804&DocumentContentId=46742>

<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=211504&DocumentContentId=6960>

<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=251881&DocumentContentId=86879>

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<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=251675&DocumentContentId=86576>

<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=56264&DocumentContentId=52408>

Staff recommends that a meeting be scheduled between CEC staff and the County to discuss this matter in advance of any subsequent proposed budget being submitted. To schedule a meeting, please email CEC staff's project manager, Lisa Worrall, at Lisa.Worrall@energy.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Brett Fooks

(Brett Fooks, for Dian Vorters)
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