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Drew Bohan
Executive Director
Docket No. 25-IEPR-02, Electricity Resource Plans
California Energy Commission
715 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Application of Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority for Confidential Designation of Information Contained in its 2026 Electricity Resource Plan

Dear Mr. Bohan:

Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority ("SVCE") requests the California Energy Commission ("Commission") designate information included in SVCE's 2026 Electricity Resource Plan as confidential pursuant to Title 20, California Code of Regulations. ("CCR"), Section 2505 et seq. and the justifications set forth below. In accordance with the Commission's Forms and Instructions for Submitting Electricity Resource Plans and Transmission Information<sup>1</sup>, SVCE provides the following information in support of its application for confidentiality designation.

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<sup>1</sup> Forms and Instructions for Submitting Electricity Resource Plans and Transmission Information, Cal. Energy Commission (July 24, 2025), https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=264986&DocumentContentId=101760 (TN

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# **Description and Identification of Confidential Information**

For docket number 25-IEPR-02, SVCE seeks confidential treatment for the below listed cells of its IEPR 2026 Electricity Resource Plan ("Plan"), which contains information relating to energy demands, procurement, and resources. The Plan also includes details regarding capacity and energy procurement requirements and actual capacity and supply values for 2024-2033.

Cells to be Redacted	Information Protected in Cell
S-1_REQUIREMENT	2025-2034
Columns I-R, Rows	Capacity Procurement Requirement (MW)
• 11	<ul> <li>Forecast Total Peak-Hour 1-in-2 Demand</li> </ul>
• 19	<ul> <li>Adjusted Demand: End-Use Customers</li> </ul>
• 20	Coincidence Adjustment (-)
• 21	<ul> <li>Coincident Peak-Hour Demand</li> </ul>
• 22	<ul> <li>Required Planning Reserve Margin</li> </ul>
• 25	Firm LSE Procurement Requirement
• 29	<ul> <li>Forecast Total Energy Demand/Consumption</li> </ul>
• 37	Energy Procurement Requirements (GWh)
• 39	<ul> <li>Adjusted Demand: End-Use Customers</li> </ul>
	Firm LSE Procurement Requirement
S-2_SUPPLY Rows 32-214, 221- 223  Column H Columns R-AA Columns AE-AN	<ul> <li>Nameplate Capacity</li> <li>2025-2034 Actual Capacity</li> <li>2025-2034 Actual Supply</li> </ul>
S-2A_Addendum Monthly	
Columns G-DV, Rows 10-79	• 2025-2034 Contract (GWh) and NQC (MW)
S-5 Table	
Rows 9-164	
Column G	Contract Start Date
Column H	<ul> <li>Contract Expiration Date</li> </ul>
• Column I	Capacity (MW) Under Contract

# **Length of Time the Information Should Be Kept Confidential**

SVCE requests that the Commission keep SVCE's information confidential and protected from public disclosure for a period of 3 years, until November 14, 2028. This length of time is needed to ensure that SVCE's detailed supply data and load forecast information and data, in its Plan remains secure from market participants that could make competitive use of this information to the detriment of SVCE, SVCE's ratepayers, and the electricity market as a whole. Further, this length of time is consistent with how the Commission has treated similar information.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See CEC Response for the Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority - Application June 30, 2023, (July 27,

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

SVCE seeks confidentiality for these Forms on the following bases:

- 1. Previous Confidentiality. Under the CCR, Title 20, Section 2505(a)(4), information submitted to the Commission can be deemed confidential without the need for a new application so long as the new information is substantially similar to information previously granted confidentiality. The Commission granted SVCE's previous confidentiality application requesting confidential treatment for its Electricity Resource Plan as provided in SVCE's application for confidential designation submitted on November 15, 2024 in Docket No. 24-IEPR-02. SVCE's application for confidential designation was granted by the Executive Director on December 20, 2024. The information requested in this Application is substantially similar to the information protected in 24-IEPR-02, and should be similarly protected.<sup>3</sup>
- 2. <u>Public Entity Designation</u>. SVCE also 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 SVCE as confidential under the Public Records Act.
- 3. <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 the Plan is highly commercially sensitive, not publicly known, and if revealed could cause significant harm to load-serving entities ("<u>LSEs</u>"), like SVCE. 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 SVCE's confidential information to be derived from the aggregated data.

### **The Submitted Information Is Presently Confidential**

SVCE does not publicly disclose its capacity and energy procurement requirements and actual capacity and supply values, which is information required in its 2026 IEPR Electricity Resource

2023), available at:

Plan. SVCE considers such information market sensitive, as public disclosure of this information could compromise SVCE'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, SVCE is a local government agency, and I am authorized to make the application and certification on behalf of SVCE.

/s/ Maren Wenzel

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