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DSGS Provider-Partner Letter on Option 3 Budget Allocation

Additional submitted attachment is included below.



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California Energy Commission
Docket Unit, MS-4
715 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for allocating Option 3 pro rata budget shares to the company representing the full multi-aggregation portfolio

We are a third-party Demand Side Grid Support (DSGS) provider and the partner companies whose aggregations were managed by that provider as part of a larger portfolio in 2025. Together, we support allocating Option 3's pro rata budget share in 2026 to the entity that represented the full multi-aggregation portfolio — in this case, the third-party provider — rather than dividing that allocation across individual partners.

Allocating the pro rata share at the portfolio level would enable third-party providers to fairly distribute budget among individual partners prior to the season based on each partner's anticipated capabilities and expected contribution, which may have evolved since 2025. This approach would provide greater certainty regarding the total available budget for planning purposes, supporting more effective and coordinated pre-season preparation across the portfolio.

We respectfully request the California Energy Commission include this clarification in the final version of this year's DSGS guidelines.

Sincerely,



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