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Supporting California's Regional Energy Innovation Ecosystem

My name is Gretel von Son, COO at Connect. We are a partner organization working alongside Cleantech San Diego's Southern California Energy Innovation Network (SCEIN) to support regional energy entrepreneurs.

Through our work supporting high-growth startups and innovators, we have seen firsthand the value of a strong, connected ecosystem. SCEIN brings together startups, utilities, investors, government agencies, labor, and academia in a way that helps innovative energy technologies move more quickly from concept to commercialization. Programs like SCEIN serve as a critical bridge between entrepreneurs and the resources, relationships, and opportunities they need to grow. The collaboration they foster strengthens both our regional innovation ecosystem and California's clean energy future. I strongly encourage the California Energy Commission to continue supporting SCEIN and the Regional Energy Innovation Clusters through the EPIC 5 Investment Plan.