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

Re: 2026 Integrated Energy Policy Report Update, Docket No. 26-IEPR-05 — Energy Equity and Environmental Justice

Honorable Commissioners,

The following are comments on the 2026 Integrated Energy Policy Report Update, Docket No. 26-IEPR-05, relating to labor compliance, workforce standards, energy equity, and environmental justice on behalf of the San Francisco Electrical Construction Industry (SFECI). Thank you for the opportunity to help shape the California Energy Commission's work on these vital topics.

SFECI is the labor-management cooperation committee of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 6 and the San Francisco Electrical Contractors Association. For more than 125 years our respective members have built and maintained the electrical systems in San Francisco's homes, offices, commercial buildings, and infrastructure in both the public and private sectors. Professional SFECA contractors and Local 6 electricians value and invest in an ever-expanding training program designed to educate apprentices, journey-level electricians, system installers, and technicians to the highest industry standards. This ensures that our industry remains at the leading edge of all emerging technological advances and will remain in position to energize San Francisco throughout the 21st century and beyond.

This Commission has led the nation in facilitating clean energy development, transportation electrification, and building decarbonization and we commend you for recognizing the importance of workforce development, equity, and environmental justice in the energy transition. These are, however, not stand-alone issues that can be addressed as secondary considerations and must be integrated directly into program architecture to achieve the Commission's commendable goals.

To that end we endorse and join the comprehensive recommendations submitted to this docket by our colleagues at the Los Angeles IBEW-NECA LMCC and the Western States Council of Sheet Metal Workers regarding the incorporation of labor compliance and workforce as central program functions that are identified, tasked, and budgeted for in future solicitations. We agree that the CEC should develop a standardized labor compliance framework for all CEC funded programs involving construction, installation, retrofit, maintenance, or related skilled trades work. This framework should apply whether the work is administered directly by the CEC or indirectly through a grantee, regional administrator, local government, nonprofit entity, community-based organization, or other third-party program partner.

These recommendations are offered in the spirit of collaboration and commitment to achieving the Commission's mission, embracing a just transition, and expediting the clean energy buildout California demands. Our experience tells us that construction projects are most successful when skilled and trained workers, experienced high-road contractors, and project administrators operate on a shared understanding of goals and outcomes. Developing clear rules, providing responsible parties with robust training, and ensuring compliance and adherence to those rules is critical to this mission. We look forward to our continued work with Commission staff, its leadership, and its grantees to move it successfully forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alex Lantsberg', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Alex Lantsberg, Research and Advocacy Director
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