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*Additional submitted attachment is included below.*

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September 23, 2015

Robert B. Weisenmiller  
Chair  
California Energy Commission  
1516 Ninth Street, MS-33  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: RETI 2.0 Stakeholder Comments

Dear Mr. Weisenmiller:

National Grid is an international electric and natural gas company based in the northeast United States and the United Kingdom. As one of the world's largest investor owned utilities, we provide service to over 20 million customers and own 14,000 miles of electric transmission in both countries.

We applaud the RETI 2.0 program that the CEC, CPUC and CAISO recently launched to advance California's goals to reduce greenhouse gases 40% by 2030 and to provide 50% of electricity from renewable sources. National Grid has long supported and helped advance state and federal emission reduction targets and we see RETI 2.0 as a practical move toward developing the significant infrastructure needed to make a meaningful reduction in GHG emissions.

National Grid would like to respectfully offer comments in support of the development of the RETI 2.0 process. We believe that planning for significant new electric infrastructure can be challenging insofar as it involves interdependencies between myriad stakeholders as well as existing and potential resources. In order to expedite the planning process and ensure that the output of the RETI 2.0 process is used in connected planning actions, we believe it is critical for the Commission to define specific stakeholder –deliverables—including specific data and information sets – as well as clear, pre-specified due dates for each deliverable. With clear, publically established goals and expectations in place in advance of the planning process, stakeholders can more effectively work together to deliver the information required to build the greatest value solutions for California customers. Without clear definition and timing of outputs, entities such as the California Independent System Operator may not be able to incorporate RETI 2.0's conclusions into the planning process.

We appreciate this opportunity to submit our comments in support of this landmark effort to build the nation's first 50% renewable economy. We look forward to supporting you in achieving this important goal through active participation in the RETI 2.0 process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Will Hazelip", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Will Hazelip  
Vice President  
National Grid

CC: Michael Picker, President, California Public Utilities Commission  
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