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Dear CEC, CPUC, and CAISO, Presidents, Commissioners, and Staff,

The Geothermal Energy Association (GEA) appreciates the open and transparent structure planned for the RETI 2.0 process. In addition, GEA is grateful for the recognition of the large, untapped, geothermal resource base at the Salton Sea and the need for appropriate, long-term planning to ensure that the right infrastructure is built to provide this electricity to the rest of California and surrounding states. In the near term, 600 MW of transmission is currently available to export new geothermal generation out of Imperial County.

GEA has no further comments on the planning structure, agenda or timeline for the RETI 2.0 proceeding. We do wish to express GEA's willingness to be a resource if and when geothermal-related questions come up during the planning process. GEA is ready to help stakeholder groups and technical committees with the latest available information about geothermal power.

Sincerely,

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*The Geothermal Energy Association (GEA) is a trade association comprised of over 150 U.S. & international companies that support the expanded use of geothermal energy and are developing geothermal resources worldwide for electrical power generation and direct-heat uses.*