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**Lassen & Round Mountain Transmission Focus Area**

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Re: Lassen & Round Mountain Transmission Assessment Focus Area

Gentlemen:

W. M. Beaty & Associates, Inc. appreciates the opportunity to provide comments in response to the May 2, 2016 meeting held by the RETI 2.0 Agency Management Team. These comments focus specifically on consideration of renewable resource and transmission development in the Lassen/Modoc area of Northern California.

We are the contract manager for over 280,000 acres of private timber and rangeland in northeastern California. The properties we manage have been owned by the Walker family for over 100 years. These properties are within the CREZ of northeastern California between Round Mountain and the Nevada border, including Lassen and Modoc Counties.

Starting in 2011 we began to place meteorological (met) towers on the first of potentially numerous properties to measure wind and solar data. To date, we have found a marketable renewable wind and solar resource in northeastern California, completely on private land. Initial analysis shows the wind power generating capacity of 70 – 100 MW from our initial project. This project (Slate Mountain) is currently in the Western Area Power Administration's generator interconnection queue.

This land ownership is large enough to make it possible for both wind and solar power generating facilities. Also, within this private land ownership there are potential opportunities for locating grid-scale storage facilities.

To date, we have received clearances for the Slate Mountain wind project from the Department of Defense and the Federal Aviation Administration. During the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) process an assessment of wildlife impacts will be explored. However, a search of the California Natural Diversity Database

did not show any occurrences of Threatened or Endangered species within the vicinity of this project.

We believe there are many other areas within the Lassen & Round Mountain Transmission Assessment Focus Area that will provide marketable renewable power resources. This is evidenced by the numerous geothermal resources and the currently idle Horse Lake Mountain wind project that has been pursued by Invenergy LLC.

Clearly the Energy Commission recognizes the importance of the Lassen & Round Mountain CREZ as it has estimated the new power generating capacity for this area at 1,250 MW. What this area needs most is new transmission infrastructure to tap this underutilized resource.

Best regards,

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