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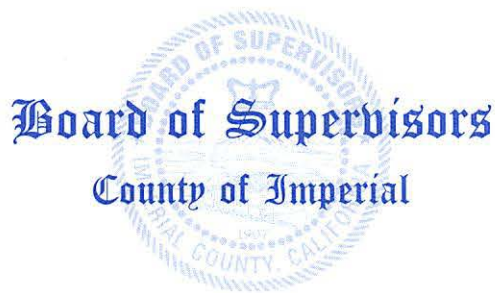
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March 9, 2021

President Marybel Batjer
California Public Utilities Commission
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Dear President Batjer,

The Imperial County Board of Supervisors writes to you on behalf of the citizens of the County of Imperial ("County"), in strong support of the California Public Utility Commission's ("CPUC") proposal for procurement of at least 1,000 MW of geothermal resources by 2025. As noted within the February 22, 2021, Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Seeking Feedback on Mid-Term Reliability Analysis and Proposed Procurement Requirements ("ALJ Ruling"), the procurement of additional geothermal resources is required in order to support California's transition to reliable and affordable renewable energy sources. Such procurement will also promote resource diversity, help to ensure that sufficient electric capacity exists to meet demand, and enhance the overall reliability of the electrical grid.

Additionally, the procurement of additional geothermal resources would assist California in reaching its goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions to 40% below 1990 levels by 2030, and would provide much-needed jobs and economic activity to areas in California that have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The County will be participating in the upcoming March 10, 2021, workshop to discuss the ALJ Ruling, and is eager to work with CPUC staff to make the geothermal procurement proposal come to fruition.

Sincerely,

Michael W. Kelley
Chairman, Board of Supervisors
County of Imperial