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Additional submitted attachment is included below.

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California Energy Commission
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Re: Docket No. 20-DECARB-01
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Re: Southern California Edison Company's Comments on the California Energy Commission
Docket No. 20-DECARB-01: Staff Workshop Building Initiative for Low-Emissions
Development (BUILD) Program

Dear Commissioners:

On September 15, 2021, the California Energy Commission (CEC) hosted a workshop to discuss and solicit feedback on staff's current proposed program design for the Building Initiative for Low-Emissions Development (BUILD) Program, authorized by Senate Bill (SB) 1477 (Stern, Chapter 378, Statutes of 2018) and overseen by the California Public Utilities Commission.

Southern California Edison (SCE) appreciates the opportunity to submit comments on the workshop, as set forth below.

I. SCE Supports Streamlining the Process to Encourage Participation in the Program.

SCE commends the CEC's efforts in designing BUILD to encourage enrollment, including providing technical assistance early in the project design phase, providing surety, flexibility, and patience to support builders' long timetables, and leveraging existing building processes to streamline the application process for users.

To further simplify the program, SCE recommends the CEC integrate the BUILD Calculator into every applicable California Building Energy Code Compliance (CBECC) software package throughout the BUILD Program effective dates. This would increase residential builders' awareness of and visibility to potential BUILD incentives available when they are building all-electric homes.

In addition, SCE recommends the CEC consider coordinating with investor owned utility (IOU) programs to develop an output sheet within the compliance software, similar to the UTIL-1 in EnergyPro, that provides the savings for all-electric project

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scenarios and automatically calculates potential layered incentives available from various programs.

Finally, SCE recommends that the Technical Assistance Provider, Association for Energy Affordability (AEA), formally contact the respective electric utility customer representative to coordinate the electric infrastructure and distribution design to support the new construction electrification projects early in the design process.

II. Conclusion

SCE thanks the CEC for consideration of the above comments and looks forward to continuing its partnership with stakeholders to develop the BUILD Program. Please contact me at (415) 929-5518 with questions or concerns. I am available to discuss these matters further at your convenience.

Very truly yours,

/s/

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