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California Energy Commission
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Re: SCE's Response to CEC's staff workshop on the preliminary approach to the Community Energy Resilience Investment (CERI) Program for the Department of Energy's Preventing Outages and Enhancing the Resilience of the Electric Grid Formula Grants to States and Indian Tribes funding opportunity

Southern California Edison (SCE) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments in response to the California Energy Commission's (CEC) Community Energy Resilience Investment (CERI) Program. We appreciate the time that CEC staff has taken to provide an overview of its proposed objectives and guidelines for the CERI program.

We support the program's investment in projects that increase community energy resilience and reliability, promote decarbonization actions in California, improve energy access and further develop the clean energy workforce.

SCE also supports the four CERI program objectives and would like to suggest expanding the energy resilience category to include wildfire mitigation and vegetation management activities as we think these areas will benefit the state as a whole.

Additionally, SCE fully supports using the CalEnviroScreen to define and identify disadvantaged communities. We'd like to encourage the CEC to also consider including High Fire Risk Areas (HFRA) as part of the approach to identifying priority communities. Projects in HFRA may prove to provide great community benefits but may be excluded from the CalEnviroScreen list. We appreciate the CEC's interest in hearing how the requirements of this new program will impact stakeholders. SCE is ready to engage and partner with the CEC and communities in our service area to support California's path to grid resiliency.

Sincerely

Very truly yours,

/s/

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