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Cleantech San Diego Support for Indian Energy LLC

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October 11, 2022

California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street
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**Re: Cleantech San Diego Support for Indian Energy LLC
(Agenda Item 13, October 12, 2022, Business Meeting)**

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MISSION:
To accelerate clean technology innovation and promote the equitable deployment of sustainable solutions across the San Diego region for the benefit of the economy, the environment, and all members of the community.

Dear Chair Hochschild and Commissioners:

On behalf of Cleantech San Diego, please accept this letter of support for Indian Energy and the proposed resolution approving Agreement LDS-22-001 with Indian Energy for a grant of up to \$31,259,680 to deploy a 60 megawatt-hour hybrid long-duration energy storage battery system, which is the first award under the Long-Duration Energy Storage Program.

Cleantech San Diego is a member-based business organization founded 15 years ago that positions the greater San Diego region as a global leader in the cleantech economy. Our members include more than 120 businesses, universities, governments, and nonprofits committed to advancing sustainable solutions for the benefit of the economy, the environment, and all members of the community. In 2016, Cleantech San Diego launched the Southern California Energy Innovation Network (SCEIN) with the support of the California Energy Commission. The program provides free resources through a consortium of regional partner organizations to help energy entrepreneurs successfully bring their innovations to market.

Cleantech San Diego continues to be impressed with the Indian Energy team and their ability to continue to drive their projects and the industry forward while finding creative ways to utilize and deploy long-duration energy and microgrids that the industry needs.

In addition, Cleantech San Diego's SCEIN program has formally partnered with Indian Energy as part of their Rapid Integration & Commercialization Unit (RICU) program, and we have been impressed with the quick way in which Indian Energy has integrated our startups into their efforts. We are already seeing the benefits from this engagement.

Cleantech San Diego applauds the State of California for its leadership in partnering with tribal leaders and experts in this space and thanks you for engaging in grant activity that more equitably distributes public funds, knowledge, and economic opportunity throughout the state.

Sincerely,

Jason Anderson
President and CEO