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Drew Bohan, Executive Director
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RE: California Choice Energy Authority’s Response to California Energy Commission’s Transmission-Related Data Request

Director Bohan,

Pursuant to the California Energy Commission’s (“CEC”) transmission data request detailed in its *Instructions for Electric Transmission-Related Data Collection* issued on July 5th, 2022 (TN #243841, hereinafter “Data Request”), load-serving entities (“LSEs”) are required to report on new and upgraded transmission needed to deliver energy from contracted resources, generators, and power purchase agreements to help the CEC identify transmission lines of value.

California Choice Energy Authority (“CalChoice”) is a California joint powers authority initially formed by the cities of Lancaster and San Jacinto, with expanding membership available to other cities interested in implementing Community Choice Aggregation (“CCA”) programs using services provided by CalChoice. Currently, the cities of Lancaster (operating Lancaster Energy, formerly Lancaster Choice Energy), Pico Rivera (operating Pico Rivera Innovative Municipal Energy), Pomona (operating Pomona Choice Energy), Rancho Mirage (operating Rancho Mirage Energy Authority), San Jacinto (operating San Jacinto Power), Palmdale (operating Energy for Palmdale’s Independent Choice), Santa Barbara (operating Santa Barbara Clean Energy) and the Town of Apple Valley (operating Apple Valley Choice Energy) operate CCA programs in association with CalChoice.

CalChoice, on behalf of its members, provides this limited response to the Data Request due to the members’ position as CCAs. As CCAs, CalChoice members are CPUC-jurisdictional entities that exclusively serve customers within the CAISO balancing authority. CalChoice members do not themselves own, operate, or maintain existing, nor plan new transmission system facilities. Since the CalChoice members are part of the CAISO balancing authority, they rely on the CAISO Transmission Planning Process in response to this Data Request.¹ CalChoice members, however, did recently develop 2022 Integrated Resource Plans, which are available on the CalChoice website, and which provide some discussion of anticipated transmission needs.²

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¹ Data Request at 6.

² See *Member Cities Integrated Resource Plans*, available at <https://californiachoiceenergyauthority.com/regulatory/>.

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Finally, despite being within the CAISO balancing authority, the Data Request required LSEs to provide information on resources or contracts that require new or upgraded transmission. Enclosed as Attachment A please find the CalChoice members' report on new and upgraded transmission required for its new projects including the location, capacity, and type of transmission upgrade needed. If there are any questions or concerns about the information provided, please feel free to contact the signatory listed below.

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ATTACHMENT A

Apple Valley Choice Energy			
Project Name	Location	Total Nameplate Capacity and Energy	Known Transmission Upgrades
Cape Station	Milford, UT	20 MW	Planned POD is the IPP Station Switchyard via the Milford Wind Line, pending private agreement with transmission line owner. Prospective Large Generator Interconnection Agreement with LADWP for interconnection agreement at IPP Station Switchyard.

Lancaster Energy			
Project Name	Location	Total Nameplate Capacity and Energy	Known Transmission Upgrades
Cape Station	Milford, UT	20 MW	Planned POD is the IPP Station Switchyard via the Milford Wind Line, pending private agreement with transmission line owner. Prospective Large Generator Interconnection Agreement with LADWP for interconnection agreement at IPP Station Switchyard.

Energy for Palmdale's Independent Choice			
Project Name	Location	Total Nameplate Capacity and Energy	Known Transmission Upgrades
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Pomona Choice Energy			
Project Name	Location	Total Nameplate Capacity and Energy	Known Transmission Upgrades
Cape Station	Milford, UT	20 MW	Planned POD is the IPP Station Switchyard via the Milford Wind Line, pending private agreement with transmission line owner. Prospective Large Generator Interconnection Agreement with LADWP for interconnection agreement at IPP Station Switchyard.

Pico Rivera Innovative Municipal Energy			
Project Name	Location	Total Nameplate Capacity and Energy	Known Transmission Upgrades
Cape Station	Milford, UT	20 MW	Planned POD is the IPP Station Switchyard via the Milford Wind Line, pending private agreement with transmission line owner. Prospective Large Generator Interconnection Agreement with LADWP for interconnection agreement at IPP Station Switchyard.

Rancho Mirage Energy Authority			
Project Name	Location	Total Nameplate Capacity and Energy	Known Transmission Upgrades
Cape Station	Milford, UT	20 MW	Planned POD is the IPP Station Switchyard via the Milford Wind Line, pending private agreement with transmission line owner. Prospective Large Generator Interconnection Agreement with LADWP for interconnection agreement at IPP Station Switchyard.

Santa Barbara Clean Energy			
Project Name	Location	Total Nameplate Capacity and Energy	Known Transmission Upgrades
Cape Station	Milford, UT	20 MW	Planned POD is the IPP Station Switchyard via the Milford Wind Line, pending private agreement with transmission line owner. Prospective Large Generator Interconnection Agreement with LADWP for interconnection agreement at IPP Station Switchyard.

San Jacinto Power			
Project Name	Location	Total Nameplate Capacity and Energy	Known Transmission Upgrades
Cape Station	Milford, UT	20 MW	Planned POD is the IPP Station Switchyard via the Milford Wind Line, pending private agreement with transmission line owner. Prospective Large Generator Interconnection Agreement with LADWP for interconnection agreement at IPP Station Switchyard.