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U.S. Department of Energy
Grid Deployment Office
Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations

Re: DE-FOA-0002740 California Tribal Energy Resiliency Alliance (C-TERA) Letter of Commitment

To whom it may concern:

The California Energy Commission (CEC) – California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group (DACAG) is excited to support the CEC's proposal to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships (GRIP) Program Topic Area 3. This proposal launches the **California Tribal Energy Resiliency Alliance (C-TERA)**, which brings together leaders in Tribal energy resilience including California Native American Tribes, trusted Tribal partner organizations, state, federal, and local agencies, utilities, universities, and technology developers to deliver a new model for replicable grid resilience and community energy.

The DACAG is an 11-member group that was formed by Senate Bill 350, the Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act of 2015. The DACAG's role is to review CEC and CPUC clean energy programs and policies to ensure that disadvantaged communities, including tribal and rural communities, benefit from proposed clean energy and pollution reduction programs. Group members are either from or represent disadvantaged communities.

In alignment with the DACAG mission, C-TERA will provide significant benefit to rural tribal communities in California to weather the effects of climate change, bolster California's electricity grid, and provide a model for other communities across the U.S. If C-TERA is funded, the DACAG is committed to providing advisement on the CEC's execution of the C-TERA projects and the energy technical assistance hubs.

As members of the DACAG, we strongly urge DOE to support the CEC's C-TERA GRIP proposal to make this transformative work possible. We instruct CEC staff to docket this letter into CEC Docket 16-OIR-06 docket and transmit to DOE.

Sincerely,

The Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group