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Chair David Hochschild California Energy Commission 715 P Street Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Green Hydrogen Proposals Across California report

Dear Chair Hochschild, Vice Chair Gunda, IEPR Report Team:

Communities for a Better Environment (CBE) files this letter and attached report in the California Energy Commission's (CEC) 2024 Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR) docket (Docket number 24-IEPR-01). The IEPR plays a pivotal role in our state's charge towards decarbonization and retirement of polluting energy sources such as gas fired powerplants.

The attached report, by PSE Healthy Energy, analyzes the significant challenges to and possible opportunities for including hydrogen in our decarbonized energy future. Although the report was published after the April 5, 2024 comment deadline for the IEPR draft scoping order, CBE believe it to be of value to the IEPR and therefore provided it via email to the CEC soon after publication. CBE now files the report for transparency purposes and inclusion in the public record.

In addition to scientific research, inclusion of the perspective of environmental justice communities is vital to the planning of our clean energy future. To that end, attached are Equity Principles for Hydrogen, an Environmental Justice Position on Green Hydrogen in California which offers direction on environmental justice concerns for hydrogen from eleven California environmental justice organizations.

Respectfully submitted,

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## Attachments

Att 1: Green Hydrogen Proposals Across California

Att 2: Equity Principles for Hydrogen