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California Energy Commission 715 P Street Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for the Compass Energy Storage Project in San Juan Capistrano

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Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of Ironworkers Local 433, we are proud to voice our strong support for the Compass Energy Storage Project, proposed by ENGIE North America in San Juan Capistrano. As a union representing more than 5,000 skilled ironworkers throughout Southern California, we understand the value of infrastructure projects that prioritize both clean energy and union labor. The Compass Project does both.

This proposed 250-megawatt battery energy storage system is not only vital to improving regional grid reliability and supporting California's transition to renewable energy — it also represents a critical opportunity for good-paying union jobs backed by a Project Labor Agreement (PLA). That agreement ensures local union workers will be employed under fair conditions, with access to competitive wages, strong benefits, and safe worksites. It also builds a pathway for apprentices to gain meaningful experience in their trade.

The economic ripple effect of this project cannot be overstated. ENGIE's projections of more than \$50 million in local sales and property tax revenue means stronger schools, public safety services, and community resources that benefit working families across Orange County. These are the types of investments that not only meet the state's clean energy goals but also strengthen the very communities our members live in.

We also appreciate ENGIE's commitment to safety and emergency preparedness, including its partnership with the Orange County Fire Authority and inclusion of robust fire prevention and monitoring systems. Worker safety is always our top priority, and ENGIE's design reflects a serious commitment to that principle.

Ironworkers Local 433 urges the California Energy Commission to approve the Compass Energy Storage Project. This is exactly the kind of forward-thinking, community-rooted infrastructure we need — combining responsible energy development with union labor standards and long-term economic value.

Thank you for your continued leadership and for considering our strong support for this important project.

Sincerely,

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