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California Energy Commission Attn: Mr. John Mathias 1516 Ninth Street, MS-20 Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Energy Storage Compliance Report pursuant to Public Utilities Code § 9506(c) and § 2836(b)

Dear Mr. Mathias:

Pursuant to Assembly Bill (AB) 2514 and in accordance with applicable sections of the California Public Utilities Code, the Truckee Donner Public Utility District (District) hereby submits this letter to serve as the report due to the California Energy Commission by January 1, 2021 to demonstrate the District's compliance with energy storage procurement targets and policies.

In 2013, the District reviewed the costs and benefits of storage in the "Electricity Energy Storage Technology Options" document published by the Electrical Power Research Institute (EPRI). Comparing this EPRI report to its portfolio of resources in 2013, the District determined that storage costs were significantly higher than its portfolio costs. Therefore, on February 20, 2013 the District's Board passed Minute Order MO-2013-18, declining to adopt, or establish, energy storage procurement targets because available options for energy storage are not cost effective, nor do they meet the needs of the District. The District re-evaluated the feasibility of energy storage in 2016, concluding again that such systems are not cost-effective or viable.

More recently, the Northern California Power Agency, on behalf of several utilities including the District, contracted with the Smart Electric Power Alliance (SEPA) to re-evaluate the costs and benefits of energy storage systems. SEPA's analysis concluded that no foreseeable battery cost reductions or retail rate increases would make energy storage systems economical for the District under current market conditions.

The District will continue to evaluate the feasibility of energy storage technologies, and will consider procurement opportunities should they become cost-effective. Should you have any questions, please contact me at (530) 582-3969.

Sincerely,

Joe Horvath, P.E.

Assistant General Manager / Electric Utility Director

cc: Shanna Kuhlemier, District Clerk