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Additional submitted attachment is included below.

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Drew Bohan, Executive Director
California Energy Commission
715 P St.
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy (SGRE) support for the Fountain Wind Project

Dear Mr. Bohan,

As Siemens Gamesa's Head of Sales & Marketing in North America, I want to express our support for the Fountain Wind Project and urge the California Energy Commission to acknowledge the importance of this clean energy Project and approve the Project when it makes its final determination.

At Siemens Gamesa we make real what matters: clean energy for generations to come. With more than 40 years of experience and almost 134 GW installed across the globe, the company is a global technological leader in the wind industry. Our end-to-end value chain expertise encompasses onshore and offshore wind turbine design, manufacturing, installation, and maintenance, as well as hybrid solutions. We strive to provide the most suitable product for each project, while driving down the LCoE to help our customers reach their business goals.

Siemens Gamesa has been supplying wind turbines and servicing wind farms in North America since the 1980's. During that time, we've supplied more than 31 GW of onshore turbines in the region with about half under maintenance as of second quarter 2023. Nearly 1 GW of those have been in California. Notably, the company supplied the turbines for Shasta County's Hatchet Ridge Wind Project, supplying 44 SWT-2.3-93 wind turbines to the Project and provided operational support from the time it was constructed in 2010 until this earlier year.

We are passionate about providing good, high-paying jobs in the communities where we work. The Fountain Wind Project will create a variety of opportunities for skilled employment in Shasta County.

Not only will the project provide local job opportunities, but it also will support climate targets by providing clean renewable energy for over 80,000 U.S. households while avoiding 595,000 tons of CO2 which is equivalent to removing over ~350,000 gasoline cars off the road.

The Fountain Wind project, and the associated local jobs can create long-term benefits to Shasta County's local economy.

We ask you to approve the Fountain Wind Project and support local job creation while also increasing the supply of carbon free renewable energy in California.

Sincerely,

Puneet Bahl

Head of Sales and Marketing, Onshore North America