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California Energy Commission Dockets Unit, MS-4 **RE: Docket No. 09-IEP-1D** 1516 Ninth Street Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

RE: Eagle Crest Energy comments on the 2009 Strategic Transmission Investment Plan **Docket No. 09-IEP-1D "2009 IEPR – Transmission"**

Eagle Crest Energy has reviewed your STIP, in particular those portions dealing with energy storage. We note your comment that "Energy storage is a critical part of the solution given California's effort to achieve state and federal energy goals...", and your dedication of a section of your report to energy storage.

Eagle Crest is developing a utility-scale pumped storage project in Southern California, and we anticipate final FERC approval next fall. This facility will generate 1300 MW for a ten hour period daily, and is planned to assist in the integration of renewables, provide grid system support, spinning reserve, etc.

We believe your plan could be enhanced by including a reference to pumped storage as a resource that can be available in the 2015-2020 timeframe as California strives to meet its renewable goals.

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