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Mr. Scott Lesch Riverside Public Utilities – ROSA Division 3435 14th Street Riverside, CA 92501

Dear Mr. Lesch:

As required by Senate Bill 350 (de León, Chapter 547, Statutes of 2015) (SB 350) (in the Public Utilities Code (PUC) Section 9622) the California Energy Commission has reviewed Riverside Public Utilities (Riverside) 2019 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) filing, which was received on December 20, 2018. The Energy Commission informed Riverside that the IRP filing was complete, as requested by Chapter 3, Section B.1 of the Publicly Owned Utilities' Integrated Resource Plan Guidelines (POU IRP Guidelines).1

Based on a detailed review and analysis of the IRP, standardized tables, and other supporting information, I have determined that Riverside's 2018 IRP is consistent with PUC Section 9621 requirements, and meets California's energy and other policy goals, including:

- Achieving greenhouse gas emission reduction targets commensurate with the electricity sector's percentage of economy wide reductions of 40 percent from 1990 levels by 2030.
- Meeting the Renewables Portfolio Standard of 50 percent by 2030.
- Ensuring planning goals related to retail rates, reliability, transmission and distribution systems, localized air pollution, and disadvantaged communities.
- Considering the role of renewable resources, grid efficiencies, energy storage, and distributed resources in meeting peak demand.
- Addressing procurement of energy efficiency and demand response, energy storage, transportation electrification, and portfolio diversification.

The docketed staff paper, *Review of Riverside Public Utilities 2018 Integrated Resource Plan*, provides the details of the Energy Commission's review and findings regarding the consistency of Riverside's IRP with PUC Section 9621. The Energy Commission

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See: http://www.energy.ca.gov/sb350/IRPs/index.html.

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anticipates considering adoption of this determination at an Energy Commission business meeting in August 2019.

If you have any questions regarding this determination, please contact John Mathias at john.mathias@energy.ca.gov or 916-651-9525.

Sincerely,

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**Executive Director** 

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