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The Honorable Joe LaCava
Chair, Board of Directors
San Diego Community Power

Re: Support for the San Diego Community Power (SDCP) Net Billing Tariff, Agenda Item 16, October 26, 2023 Board Meeting

Dear Chair LaCava and Members of the Board:

MISSION:
To accelerate clean technology innovation and promote the equitable deployment of sustainable solutions across the San Diego region for the benefit of the economy, the environment, and all members of the community.

On behalf of Cleantech San Diego, please accept this letter of support for adoption of the proposed Net Billing Tariff (NBT) for all new customers who install onsite generation on or after April 15, 2023, and existing customers transitioning out of the Net Energy Metering (NEM) Tariff following conclusion and/or termination of their 20-year NEM legacy period.

Cleantech San Diego is a member-based business organization that positions the greater San Diego region as a global leader in the cleantech economy. Our members include more than 130 businesses, universities, governments, and nonprofits committed to advancing sustainable solutions for the benefit of the economy, the environment, and all members of the community.

Over the past few years, Cleantech San Diego has convened a committee of experienced energy developers to discuss local community choice energy (CCE) programs and, specifically, items related to the development of local renewable energy resources. The committee also serves as a sounding board and source of technical, market-based expertise to local load serving entities. SDCP staff are frequently invited to participate in these meetings.

SDCP Program Manager Nelson Lomeli has attended these meetings on multiple occasions and has discussed SDCP's NBT. Based on these conversations and our understanding of the proposal, Cleantech San Diego supports SDCP's proposal to develop a sustainable behind-the-meter program for its customers through the generation adders and battery energy storage pilot program.

Cleantech San Diego notes that rooftop replacements and panel upgrades can be a significant barrier to the development of onsite generation. For the NBT program to be successful, it will be critical for SDCP to develop methods to support customers who face these challenges.

Cleantech San Diego appreciates SDCP's commitment to engagement with our members and the opportunity to provide our feedback. We look forward to future collaboration on local energy procurement policies and opportunities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Anderson", is enclosed in a thin black rectangular box.

Jason Anderson
President and CEO