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Re: Comments of the California Energy Storage Alliance to Draft Resolution E-5205: Submission of Southern California Edison Company’s Midterm Reliability Energy Storage Contracts for Review and Approval Pursuant to Decision 21-06-035

Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to the provisions of General Order 96-B, the California Energy Storage Alliance (“CESA”) hereby submits these comments to the above-referenced Draft Resolution E-5205 (“Draft Resolution”) issued on April 14, 2022, approving Advice Letter 4739-E, submitted by Southern California Edison Company (“SCE”) on March 4, 2022.

I. INTRODUCTION & SUMMARY.

On April 14, 2022, Draft Resolution E-5205 was issued that would approve five Fast Track energy storage contracts submitted by SCE to meet mid-term reliability (“MTR”) procurement requirements for 2023 and some portion of 2024. Overall, the Commission concluded that the contracts were compliant with the procurement guidance and requirements of Decision (“D.”) 21-06-035 and concurred with the independent evaluator (“IE”) that the competitive solicitation was fair and robust and the resulting contracts were reasonable.

Upon reviewing the Draft Resolution, CESA supports the Commission’s timely approval of the executed contracts and generally agrees with the determinations made. Given tight supply chain conditions and short lead times to meet summer reliability needs in Summer 2022 and Summer 2023, CESA appreciates the Commission’s quick turnaround to approve the contracts submitted in Advice Letter 4739-E, which were not protested by any parties, and to put Draft Resolution E-5205 on the Commission voting agenda on May 19, 2022. Similar efficient processes should be pursued on a going-forward basis as well considering the significant levels of resource buildout expected to meet our long-term reliability objectives and decarbonization goals.

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II. CONCLUSION.

CESA appreciates the opportunity to submit these comments to Draft Resolution E-5205 and looks forward to collaborating with the Commission and SCE.

Respectfully submitted,



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