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Southern California Edison Company ("SCE") hereby gives notice pursuant to Rule 8.4(a) of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the California Public Utilities Commission ("Commission" or "CPUC") of the following communication:

**DATE AND TIME OF COMMUNICATION:** March 22, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Public Utilities Commission, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102

WHO INITIATED COMMUNICATION: SCE

NAMES AND TITLES OF NON-CPUC PERSONS PRESENT: (1) Laura Genao, SCE Managing Director of Regulatory Affairs; and (2) Colin Cushnie, SCE Vice President of Power Supply.

NAMES AND TITLES OF CPUC PERSONS PRESENT: David Peck, Advisor, and Nidhi Thakar, Chief for Strategy and External Affairs to Commission President Michael Picker BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF COMMUNICATION:

Discussed preliminary analysis indicating a near-term resource adequacy deficiency beginning in 2021 and proposed recommendations to potentially address the deficiency. Also discussed various elements of procurement, including central procurement/central buyer, retail services, provider of last resort, and SCE's reliability threshold mechanism proposal, and SCE's position on each. Specifically, SCE noted it is interested, as a utility responsible for providing reliable

and affordable service to all of its customers, in being the central buyer for reliability procurement and that the State does not need a new state agency to do centralized procurement given the efficiencies gained by having investor-owned utilities procure. Additionally, with regard to how to address potential future resource shortages, SCE urged the Commission to consider SCE's reliability threshold mechanism proposal, submitted as part of the current Integrated Resource Planning proceeding as a potential means of addressing the resource shortfall if the Commission agrees with SCE's analysis.

#### WRITTEN MATERIALS PROVIDED: No.

Respectfully submitted,
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