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CYRQ Energy
Mr. Matthew Rosenfeld
Executive Program Manager, Cyrq Energy, LLC
Salt Lake City, Utah, United States

RE: Letter of Support for the Proposal, "Superheat Long-Duration Energy Storage: Sub 24-Hour"

Dear Mr. Rosenfeld,

This letter of support is provided on behalf of the City of Sebastopol, California. The City is pleased to support this proposal in response to Topic Area 2: Non-Lithium-Based Energy Storage Systems, Area of Interest 2B: Front-of-Meter LDES Demonstrations (10-24 hours), of the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations, Bipartisan Infrastructure Law: Long-Duration Energy Storage Demonstrations, Funding Opportunity Announcement Notice DE-FOA-0002867. "Industrial Efficiency and Decarbonization FOA."

The City of Sebastopol has been a member of Sonoma Clean Power (SCP) since starting service in 2014. In 2019, the City of Sebastopol passed a resolution declaring a climate emergency and establishes a goal of reducing city-wide greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2030. The City of Sebastopol is also a customer of SCP's EverGreen service, which provides our city facilities with 24/7 100% renewable power from local resources, including geothermal from the Geysers. Cyrq Energy's proposed demonstration project offers an opportunity for our region to play a key role in deploying technology that increases the flexibility and reliability of clean renewable power and is well aligned with Sebastopol's climate goals.

The City of Sebastopol strongly supports Cyrq Energy and SCP's approach to proactively engage the community in project development. A stakeholder engagement session hosted last year by SCP was a key step in selecting Cyrq Energy's proposal and allowed for early feedback on project design by labor groups, local governments, and environmental NGOs. A commitment from SCP and Cyrq Energy to continue prioritizing engagement will both improve project viability and maximize the economic and societal benefits to our local communities.

DOE's investment in long-duration energy storage, in conjunction with the diverse and experienced Cyrq Energy-led team, will identify and implement solutions to overcome technical and institutional barriers for full-scale deployment throughout a diverse set of regions. This work will be notably consistent with the vision articulated in the Justice40 initiative coordinating Federal investments flow to disadvantaged communities that are marginalized, underserved, and overburdened by pollution. The team will engage resident and community leadership throughout the project to reach historically under-served populations and communities, as well as foster connectivity and conditions for growth in these areas.

For any questions, please contact City Manager Larry McLaughlin at 707 823 1153.

Sincerely,

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