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The Solar Energy Industries Association ("SEIA") submit the following comments on the proposed amended scope and schedule issued in the above captioned proceeding on August 2, 2021.

I. THERE IS A CONTINUED NEED FOR MEASURES TO ENSURE RELIABLE ELECTRIC SERVICE IN THE SUMMERS OF 2022-2023

In November 2020, the California Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") opened its emergency rulemaking to spur the development and procurement of additional capacity and to advance means to reduce load in anticipation of an urgent need in the summer of 2021. SEIA supported the Commission taking expedited action to avoid the initiation of rotating outages by the California Independent System Operator ("CAISO") during extreme heat events, as occurred during August 2020.

In anticipation of continued tight supply and capacity constraints, a new ruling was issued to extend R.20-11-003 to consider additional actions that should be taken to "ensure there is adequate supply and demand management to achieve electrical system reliability in 2022 and 2023." SEIA supports the Commission's continued focus on taking actions to ensure system reliability.

