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Pursuant to Rule 8.4 of the California Public Utilities Commission’s (“Commission”) Rules of Practice and Procedure, Golden State Clean Energy, LLC (“GSCE”) hereby gives notice of the following *ex parte* meeting:

On January 12, 2024, beginning at 10:00 a.m., Daniel Kim, Partner and Sr. V.P. of Governmental and Regulatory Affairs for GSCE; Patrick Mealoy, Partner and COO for GSCE; Ian Kearney, Director of Regulatory Affairs for GSCE; and Jordan Pinjuv, attorney for GSCE, met with Karolina Maslanka, Energy Advisor to President Alice Reynolds, and Maria Sotero, Policy Advisor and Interim Chief of Staff to Commissioner John Reynolds. The meeting took place virtually via Webex and lasted approximately thirty minutes.

GSCE initiated the meeting for the purpose of introducing and discussing its solar development efforts in the Central Valley and state planning efforts related to Central Valley solar, including the Integrated Resource Planning (“IRP”) proceeding and the Commission’s forthcoming decision on resource portfolios. GSCE made a brief presentation during this meeting, and the slides shared during the meeting are attached to this notice.

GSCE first provided background on the Westlands Solar Park, a 20,000 acre and 2,700 MW solar and storage development in Fresno and Kings Counties. GSCE principals were the founding developers of the project (via a legacy business). Over 670 MW of the Westlands Solar Park has come online, with another 500 MW of solar anticipated to begin construction in 2024.

GSCE highlighted the Westlands Solar Park to introduce its master-planning approach to energy development, where GSCE holistically plans generation and transmission to efficiently bring

needed resources at scale to the market. GSCE then shared its future development plans in the San Joaquin Valley, the Valley Clean Infrastructure Plan ("VCIP"). VCIP is a broad-based plan to provide California with an integrated renewable generation and transmission project that will repurpose water-challenged acreage in the San Joaquin Valley to solar, storage, and transmission within the Westlands Water District. GSCE noted the benefits VCIP brings the Westlands Water District and private landowners that are facing surface water challenges and Sustainable Groundwater Management Act implementation, as well as the broad support GSCE has received for developing solar in this area.

GSCE then closed by talking about the IRP proceeding, how it relates to VCIP, and issues GSCE has observed. GSCE highlighted the need to continue to improve the IRP portfolio development processes by elevating the role of the California Energy Commission's land use screening criteria and other factors that will influence project development. In addition, GSCE commented on the need to consider more transmission expansion options in the IRP to unlock resources in northern California.

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Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Ian Kearney

Daniel Kim
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Golden State Clean Energy, LLC

ATTACHMENT

Golden State Clean Energy, LLC

January 2024



Westlands Solar Park

Golden State Clean Energy is a Demonstrated Leader in Renewable Energy Development

Led by the Principals behind one of the largest master planned renewable energy park in the United States



WESTLANDS
SOLAR PARK

20,000 acres
2,700 MW solar
+ bulk energy storage

OPERATIONAL

672 MW (PV)
360 MW (BESS)

CONSTRUCTION STARTING 2024

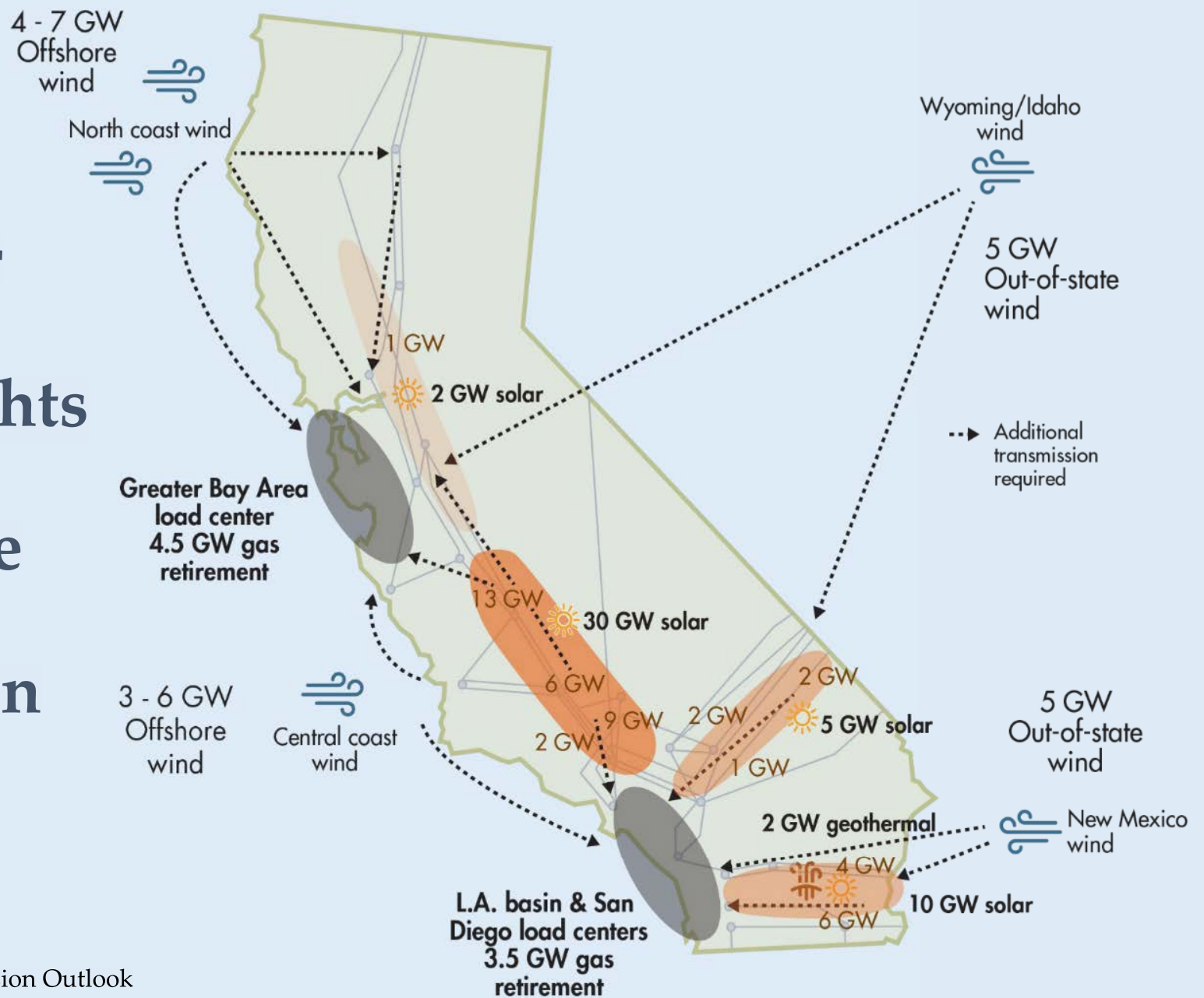
500 MW (PV)
300 MW (BESS)

ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENT

300 MW (PV) (late stage)
1,000 MW (PV) & 500
MW (BESS) (queued)

Privately developed a 16-mile 230 kV gen-tie to interconnect Westlands Solar Park to support phased generation development

CAISO's 20-Year Transmission Outlook highlights major resource zones that can be 'unlocked' with new transmission



Source: California ISO 20-Year Transmission Outlook (May 2022)




The Valley Clean Infrastructure Plan ("VCIP") is an Innovative Approach to Creating Value for Customers, Property Owners, & Local Communities

SOLAR FOR THE CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE | Thousands of MWs of solar and storage, along with significant transmission facilities, to help meet California's future needs in an efficient and cost-effective manner.

GARNERING BROAD SUPPORT | Strong support from a wide variety of parties, including environmental groups, labor, state and local governments, and agriculture groups.

WATER BENEFITS | Saving water for productive farms while using less productive lands for solar provides a mutual benefit to the agricultural community (e.g., SGMA implementation).

JOBS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT | Potential for thousands of high paying jobs over the next 15+ years, plus economic development from opportunities for manufacturing, fabrication, assembly, and research and development.



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