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December 10, 2018

Michael Picker, President  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Submitted via email: [public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov)

**RE: Proceeding R. 18-10-007 Wildfire Mitigation Plans**

Dear President Picker,

The City of Lomita appreciates the opportunity to comment on proceeding R. 18-10-007 regarding investor-owned utilities' (IOUs) wildfire mitigation plans. Californians rely on energy for basic services and on energy providers to get it to us safely. We appreciate the leadership of the California Public Utilities Commission in addressing the increasingly devastating and destructive wildfires California has faced in recent years.

New utility wildfire mitigation plans will have numerous direct effects on local governments, including receipt of notifications, recloser and deenergizing protocols, plans for restoring service, and vegetation management. Specifically, protocols for deenergizing utility lines have important impacts on residents, businesses, and city operations. The City of Lomita operates its own water utility, including water treatment facility and well, which could be significantly impacted by loss of power. Additionally, the City responds to traffic signal issues when there is a loss of power. For these reasons, we request that IOUs be required to coordinate and seek input from local jurisdictions in their service territory when developing their wildfire mitigation plans. Furthermore, we would like the opportunity to coordinate with utilities to ensure that timely notices are provided to our critical facilities, residents, and businesses that rely on electrical service.

Thank you for your consideration of the City's comments on this important matter. If you have any questions, please contact me at (310) 325-7110.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ryan Smoot', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Ryan Smoot  
City Manager