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Via Electronic Transmission Only
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Alice Reynolds
President
California Public Utilities Commission

Re: Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021- Federal Funding Opportunities

Dear President Reynolds:

Thank you for your letter dated January 24, 2022. Liberty Utilities (CalPeco Electric) LLC (“Liberty”) appreciates you bringing these potential federal funding opportunities to Liberty’s attention, and shares your deep concern for the affordability of electric service while continuing to provide safe and reliable electric service to our customers.

Liberty is especially interested in two potential Competitive Grant funding opportunities, the “Preventing Outages and Enhancing the Resilience of the Electric Grid Program” and the “Smart Grid Investment Matching Grant Program,” and believes it has current and proposed projects that may qualify for such funding opportunities.

For the “Preventing Outages and Enhancing the Resilience of the Electric Grid Program,” Liberty believes that a portion of its Wildfire Mitigation Program would qualify, particularly Liberty’s vegetation management program. Liberty has greatly expanded its vegetation management program and continues to make significant strides to develop and fully implement a comprehensive vegetation management program designed for its territory’s specific challenges that complies with the Commission’s wildfire-related directives. These programs must be implemented quickly but thoroughly, as Liberty’s service territory is in a mountainous tree-filled area with extensive tree deaths and continuing drought conditions.

For the “Smart Grid Investment Matching Grant Program,” Liberty believes that the programs included in Liberty’s recently submitted Customer Resiliency Program application would qualify. The Customer Resiliency Program includes: (1) a behind-the-meter battery energy storage system (“BTM BESS”); (2) the Kings Beach Resiliency Corridor Demonstration project; and (3) a mobile diesel generator program. Liberty has developed the Customer Resiliency Program to meet the needs of its vulnerable customers and critical stakeholders by providing reliable back-up power in the event of a wildfire, Public Safety Power Shutoff (“PSPS”), major storm or other event impacting service.

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Liberty is currently reviewing the requirements and procedures to apply for these programs and intends to apply for funding for the eligible Liberty programs discussed above.

Sincerely,

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