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Sir / Madam,

Please find enclosed herewith scanned copy of the above referred Mol, signed in the RERC for reference & record.

(Himanshu Khurana)
Secretary, RERC

MEMORANDUM OF INTENT

**BETWEEN THE RAJASTHAN ELECTRICITY
REGULATORY COMMISSION OF THE
REPUBLIC OF INDIA AND THE CALIFORNIA
ENERGY COMMISSION AND THE
CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF
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OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

The Rajasthan Electricity Regulatory Commission of the Republic of India and the California Energy Commission, and the California Public Utilities Commission of the State of California of the United States of America, hereinafter jointly referred to as "the Participants," and individually as "the Participant" declare as follows:

ACKNOWLEDGING that the Rajasthan Electricity Regulatory Commission (RERC) and the California Energy Commission (CEC), and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) have expressed intentions to cooperate on policy and regulatory support for clean energy transition, decarbonization, and electric grid modernization.

WHEREAS in 2023, federal-level bilateral cooperation was strengthened during a visit from the Prime Minister of India to the United States through the development of key initiatives covering renewable energy, green hydrogen, clean transportation, and supply chains.

WHEREAS in July 2023, high-level representatives from the CEC and the California Air Resources Board (CARB) visited India during the Clean Energy Ministerial in Goa, and during that visit, discussed opportunities to build engagement on topics related to climate and energy.

WHEREAS in March 2024, State of California leadership joined key representatives from the Universities of California Davis and Berkeley, and the Center for Strategic International Studies, on a visit to India to strengthen partnerships aimed at advancing engagement with Electricity Commissions, where leadership from the CEC and CPUC met with RERC and participated in the India Smart Grid Forum's India Smart Utility Week.

CONSIDERING the role of Energy/Electricity Commissions to take bold, swift climate action, set ambitious, forward-looking clean energy policies and goals, and build coalition support committed to accelerating the transition to clean energy.

Therefore, the Participants have reached the following understanding:

**SECTION I
Objective**



The purpose of this Memorandum of Intent is to establish a flexible framework between the Participants in order to permit them to exchange knowledge and experience in the energy sector, with specific focus on policy and regulatory support for the energy transition and electric grid modernization. In doing so, the Participants share the following common objectives:

- a) To promote mutual understanding and strengthen cooperation on clean energy transition and decarbonization through the exchange of best practices and regulatory approaches.
- b) To advance shared priorities in renewable energy deployment, demand-side management, and grid modernization to support a more flexible and resilient power system.
- c) To support subnational collaboration on technical, policy, and market frameworks that enable the integration of clean energy resources, including solar, wind, and energy storage.
- d) To enhance institutional capacity in both jurisdictions through professional exchanges, study tours, and collaborative research.
- e) To explore opportunities for coordinated approaches to transportation electrification, energy efficiency, and equitable access to clean energy.

SECTION II

Areas of Cooperation

The Participants intend to exchange knowledge and experience in the energy sector, with a specific focus on policy and regulatory support for the energy transition and electric grid optimization and modernization through initiatives focused particularly on, but not limited to, the following areas of cooperation:

- a) Renewable energy integration
- b) Grid optimization, modernization, and reliability planning, including load management and flexibility
- c) Energy efficiency in the built environment
- d) Transportation electrification, infrastructure, and grid management
- e) Long-duration battery storage
- f) Renewable energy and demand forecasting

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SECTION III Coordination

The Participants respectively designate RERC, the CEC, and the CPUC to establish the creation of a work plan to implement the objectives of this Memorandum of Intent.

The Participants intend to designate a point of contact (or Secretariat) that will serve as the primary liaison for communication and information exchange, as well as any notice to be submitted under this Memorandum of Intent. The University of California Davis India Centre is designated as point of contact for all exchanges pertaining to clean transportation and fuels, while the University of California Berkeley India Energy and Climate Center will act as the point of contact for all exchanges about clean energy employment and transition in the power and industry sectors. The India Smart Grid Forum will serve as the point of contact for RERC.

The Participants, by common consent, may seek the collaboration of third parties, including the Center for Strategic and International Studies, universities and other public and private academic institutions, non-governmental organizations, businesses, and local, state, or national government institutions whose activities may contribute to achieving the goals of this Memorandum of Intent.

SECTION IV Specific Activities

Specific activities to achieve the objectives of this Memorandum of Intent for the key sectors and initiatives identified in Section II may include:

- a) Host a study tour at least once every two years, focused on one of the three priority areas
- b) Sharing information and experiences regarding policies, programs, and incentives to strengthen their application
- c) Activities that advance exchange and mutual visits among technical personnel, businesses, universities, and academic institutions of the Participants, including, but not limited to, field visits, meetings, and webinars
- d) Co-organizing symposia, seminars, workshops, informational exchanges, exhibitions, trainings, and other mutually agreed engagement, as appropriate

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- e) Conduct a high-level status and planning meeting between respective principals at least once every year to give guidance to the activities under this Memorandum of Intent
- f) Other forms of collaboration as agreed upon by the Participants

SECTION V

Points of Contact

The Participants respectively designate the following institutions and agencies to serve as the primary liaisons for communication, information exchange, and the submission of any notices under this Memorandum of Intent:

For the Rajasthan Electricity Regulatory Commission (RERC): To be nominated by RERC.

For the California Energy Commission (CEC): Elsa Beljean, Senior International Relations Advisor.

For the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC): Deputy Executive Director for Energy and Climate Policy.

For all exchanges pertaining to clean transportation and fuels: Aditya Ramji, Director, India ZEV Research Centre, University of California, Davis.

For all exchanges pertaining to clean energy employment and transition in the power and industry sectors: Neelima Jain, Director, States Initiatives, India Energy and Climate Center, University of California, Berkeley.

SECTION VI

No Legal Obligations, Rights, or Remedies

This Memorandum of Intent is a voluntary initiative. It does not create any legally binding rights or obligations and creates no legally cognizable or enforceable rights or remedies, legal or equitable, in any forum whatsoever. In addition, the commitments in this Memorandum of Intent are not conditioned upon reciprocal actions by other Participants; each Participant retains full discretion over implementation of its commitments in light of the Participant's individual circumstances, laws, and policies; and each Participant is free to terminate the Memorandum of Intent.



SECTION VII
Availability of Personnel and Resources

This Memorandum of Intent does not involve the exchange of funds, nor does it represent any obligation of funds by either Participant. All costs that may arise from activities covered by, mentioned in, or pursuant to this Memorandum of Intent will be assumed by the Participant that incurs them, unless otherwise expressly stated in a future written arrangement in accordance with applicable laws. All activities undertaken pursuant to this Memorandum of Intent are subject to the availability of funds, personnel and other resources of each Participant.

The personnel designated by a Participant for the execution of this Memorandum of Intent will work under the orders and responsibility of that Participant and any other organization or institution to which the personnel already belongs, at all times maintaining any preexisting employment relationship only with that Participant and organization or institution, and not with any other Participant.

SECTION VIII
Compliance with Applicable Laws

This Memorandum of Intent will be construed consistent with all applicable laws, and activities undertaken in connection with this Memorandum of Intent will be subject to, and will be undertaken in a manner consistent with, all otherwise-applicable laws.

SECTION IX
Interpretation and Application

Any difference that may arise in relation to the interpretation or application of this Memorandum of Intent will be resolved through consultations between the Participants, which will endeavor in good faith to resolve such differences.

SECTION X
Final Provisions

This Memorandum of Intent is effective from the date of its signature, for a three-year period, unless renewed or extended by the Participants in the same manner that the Participants may otherwise modify this Memorandum of Intent.

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This Memorandum of Intent may be modified at any time by mutual consent of the Participants. Any modification will be made in writing and specify the date on which such modification is to become effective.

Any of the Participants may, at any time, terminate this Memorandum of Intent by providing written notice to the other Participants. A Participant that intends to terminate this MOI will endeavor to provide notice of such termination to other Participants 30 days in advance.

The termination of this Memorandum of Intent will not affect when activities initiated while this Memorandum of Intent is in effect will conclude, unless a Participant expressly states otherwise. A Participant that intends to terminate a previously initiated activity will endeavor to reach an understanding with the other Participant concerning such termination.

Signed virtually on June 25th, 2026, in three original copies in English.

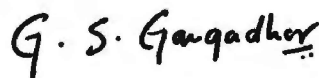
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**Hemant Kumar Jain
Member**

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