

February 11, 2022

Marty Adams, General Manager Los Angeles Department of Water and Power 111 North Hope Street Los Angeles, California 90012

RE: Glendale Water and Power Request for Assistance on Clean Energy Acquisition

Dear Mr. Adams:

We greatly appreciate the enormous efforts the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) is making in order to accomplish the City's clean energy goals. While we appreciate the challenges associated with putting Los Angeles on the path to 100% clean energy by 2035 with the LA100 plan, we are concerned that other utilities within our balancing authority (BA) are not similarly situated and may backtrack on our collective climate goals absent collaboration with LADWP. Specifically, Glendale Water and Power (GWP) recently reached out inquiring whether LADWP could help arrange a series of agreements for it to meet their city's energy needs. We believe LADWP's transmission modernization efforts would be strengthened by collaboration with members of Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA) and strongly encourage your office to collaborate with GWP on how the two utilities could protect their ratepayers while advancing our clean energy goals.

As you know, our residents are forced to breathe some of the most polluted air in America. Child asthma rates in Los Angeles are unacceptably and dangerously high

and respiratory illnesses such as asthma are the leading cause of absenteeism prior to the pandemic. Los Angeles residents will be impacted by the decisions made by its neighbors such as Glendale. We need to take steps to help ensure our neighbors avoid backtracking on clean air efforts that directly harm our constituents, particularly our youngest residents.

While clean air concerns certainly are motivating us, we also view Glendale's outreach to LADWP as an opportunity. We will undoubtedly need assistance undertaking the necessary modernization efforts for our transmission lines. LADWP would benefit from having partners in those efforts within SCPPA. Certainly, LADWP should not entertain any sort of agreement that would harm our ratepayers, but given that GWP energy gap is only approximately 100 megawatts, we're confident you and your team could help Glendale meet that need.

Given the urgency of our climate crisis, and frankly, California state law, entering into long-term contracts for new fossil fuel energy shouldn't be on the table. Yet, we recognize cities need to ensure their residents have access to reliable power. We hope that just as you're showing the world's biggest cities how to transition to clean energy, you and your staff can assist our neighbor meet their clean energy needs.

We have formally asked the City of Glendale to postpone action on contracting for power at Grayson or Scholl Canyon until GWP has had a real opportunity to negotiate with you and your staff on possible solutions. Should they avail themselves of that offer, we strongly urge you and your staff to seriously engage in that effort to help protect our air and climate.

Sincerely,

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