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May 1, 2024

The Honorable Jennifer Granholm
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave SW Washington, DC 20585

Re: U.S. Department of Energy Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships (GRIP) Grant, Topic Area # (DE-FOA-0003195)

Dear Honorable Jennifer Granholm,

The City of Imperial will support community engagement for the proposed DOE GRIP project, *ADMS Implementation Project*, to improve electric resilience and reliability across the Imperial and Coachella Valleys and benefit disadvantaged communities (DACs). The project will modernize the local grid through the implementation of an Advance Distribution Management System (ADMS) which will enhance reliability, increase efficiency, and facilitate the integration of renewable energy resources.

The City of Imperial strives to be an economically vibrant and culturally rich community. The City is also the home of the Imperial Irrigation District.

The City of Imperial will support two-way community engagement in this project. This engagement will include quarterly stakeholder engagement sessions with community input. These meaningful community engagement touchpoints will result in Memorandum of Understanding, Community Agreement, ongoing discussion. The objective of these activities is to help ensure that traditionally excluded stakeholders, frontline communities, and labor groups are engaged in key decisions.

We look forward to working together with you to advance this project and hope it will receive every consideration for funding.

Sincerely,

Robert Amparano
Mayor