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**Re: Letter of Support for Spin Storage Systems (SPIN) Grant Application to the California Energy Commission Opportunity # 19-305**

Officer Hockaday:

The County of Nevada is pleased to provide this Letter of Support for SPIN's grant proposal responsive to the California Energy Commission (CEC) Grant Funding Opportunity 19-305.

As a county within the PG&E service area, Nevada County has a strong interest in Distributed Energy Resources (DER) that can improve the reliability of electric service to enhance public safety. Our critical infrastructure depends on electricity. Continuity is increasingly an issue due to extreme weather events and resulting consequences such as Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS).

The DERs solution that the SPIN is working towards in this grant proposal enables contains features that could significantly improve redundant electrical options available to the County. As a rural county that has experienced PSPS events; extending operational life and reducing maintenance allows us to focus resources on emergency response.

In order for SPIN to meet its milestones Nevada County will provide the following a support to SPIN:

- 1) A list of sites, physical addresses or general locations, that are critical to supporting Nevada County during PSPS's
- 2) Grant access to sites, otherwise enable introduction to site owners for site access.
- 3) Access to any existing studies or data that Nevada County has collected with respect to maintaining critical infrastructure during PSPS's
- 4) Consult on an as needed basis with SPIN to help review SPINs requirements so they can meet Nevada County's needs during a PSPS

We appreciate the work of the California Energy Commission and the support of the EPIC funding to improve technology and product offerings available to Nevada County to meet the needs of its citizens.

Respectfully submitted,