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To the California Energy Commission:

On behalf of Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center, I am writing to thank the Commission for your excellent plan, and comment on elements related to the application of renewable technologies related to Hospitals. We support the Commission's funding of the following measures highlighted in Chapter 4, Technology Demonstration and Deployment:

S12.2: Proposed Funding Initiative: Demonstrates or deploys pre-commercial technologies and strategies for combined heat and power applications. (page 119)

S13.2: Proposed Funding Initiative: Demonstrates renewable energy-based microgrids capable of sharing resources across the larger power grid. (page 126)

As you know, the entire healthcare industry is feeling the effects of rising costs and competing demands for limited revenues. Any opportunity for reducing operating costs while creating a cleaner and healthier environment is extremely important to our mission. For example, at Glendale Memorial, our central plant is over 23 years old. Our chillers are part of that plant and in dire need of replacement with new "green" technology efficient units. The cost of replacement is nearly $2.5 million dollars, but the monthly savings will exceed $50,000, thus making this a "win-win" change that will help the environment and make a positive impact on our hospital's bottom line. This is but one example that highlights our reason for supporting the Commission's plan.

We welcome the opportunity to be involved with your EPIC program, and help grow this important industry in California.

Sincerely,

Matthew Gerlach
Chief Operating officer