

Response to February 21, 2008 Call for Local Government Partnership Abstracts

For

THE EASTERN SIERRA ENERGY INITIATIVE

*A Multi-Agency Local Energy Partnership Encompassing the Town of Mammoth Lakes,
the City of Bishop and the Counties of Inyo and Mono*

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Part 1. Partner Information

a) Name of Partner proposing the work: Eastern Sierra Energy Initiative (“ESEI”), which encompasses the areas served by Southern California Edison (“SCE”) in the incorporated municipalities of Bishop and Mammoth Lakes and the Counties of Inyo and Mono.

Additionally, a broader goal of ESEI is to include the areas of Inyo County served by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (“LADWP”). Through the cooperation of the office of LADWP General Manager David Nahai, we have initiated discussions with Jeff Peltola, Director of Budgets, Rates and Efficiency. At this time LADWP is interested in the concept, but we will have to provide and discuss the details in the next several weeks. While the mission of ESEI appears to fit well with LADWP’s energy efficiency goals, the challenge will be to ensure that ESEI can contribute to achieving those goals through enhanced energy efficiency program promotions in the Eastern Sierra region of LADWP’s service territory in a cost effective manner.

b) Type of Partnership: Other. ESEI represents an expansion of the successful partnership in Mammoth Lakes – the High Sierra Energy Initiative – to include the neighboring city of Bishop and the surrounding County of Mono and the adjacent County of Inyo.

The governing body of ESEI will be the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (“ESCOG”) with the board composed of two members from each of the government entities – Inyo, Mono, Bishop and Mammoth Lakes. The ESCOG board will consider a Resolution endorsing the ESEI at their regular meeting on March 14 (Attachment 1).

The individual members of ESCOG asked that the High Sierra Energy Foundation (“the Foundation”) prepare the response to the Call for Abstracts and the Foundation is also specified in the pending Resolution as the implementer of ESEI. Letters were received from the Town of Mammoth Lakes (the “Town”), Inyo County and Mono County, but a signed letter was not available from Bishop at the deadline of this abstract (Attach. 2). The Foundation is located in Mammoth Lakes and has managed the High Sierra Energy Initiative (“HSEI”), a partnership established in early 2006 between SCE and the Town.

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Part 2. Proposal Summary and Budget Allocation

a) *Description of the program's scope and objective, and to the extent possible, end uses, key energy efficiency measures and/or program services, and geographic area that the program will cover.*

ESEI will be a rurally oriented partnership covering over 13,000 square miles and serving a total population of about 25,000. The geography is quite varied and ranges from 3,000 feet above sea level in the lower Owens Valley (excluding areas served by LADWP, which include Death Valley) to 8,000 feet in the populated mountain areas.

ESEI's scope and objective is to reduce energy use and demand by focusing on three key areas:

- 1) **Establishing a "culture" of energy efficiency** through a focused outreach campaign, including community events, advertising, and participation at meetings of planning commissions, councils and county boards when decisions are being made that involve energy; e.g. new building and development
- 2) **Working closely with SCE to more effectively implement existing programs**, such as lamp exchanges, direct install programs, and multifamily efficiency programs, among others
- 3) **Seeking innovative approaches to energy efficiency in our alpine environment**, such as a thermostat program for condominium and rental unit owners that would replace existing thermostats with remote or programmed control of thermostats for electric heating to avoid overheating the units when not occupied; or delivery programs for Energy Star © appliances that will help minimize the disincentive of excessive delivery costs.

b) *Basis for the need of the program and projected accomplishments of the program.*

The areas that will be served by ESEI are at the very north of SCE's service territory.

The print and broadcast media serving the area is either locally based, cable or satellite

from areas other than Southern California. Consequently, energy efficiency messages targeted at the bulk of SCE customers miss this area. Additionally, the alpine areas are winter peaking and the message may differ seasonally. For example, in 2007 Mammoth Lakes’ residential customers received at least two solicitations to participate in the air conditioner cycling program when there are only a handful of residential air conditioners in town. In short, a more local approach can harvest energy efficiency far more effectively.

Table 3-1 summarizes estimates of kW and kWh savings potential in the areas served by SCE in Bishop, Mammoth Lakes and the counties of Inyo and Mono – the proposed ESEI partnership area. The source of the data in this table is information provided by ESCOG member agencies on energy use and from a table produced by the California Energy Commission (“CEC”) titled “California Electricity Consumption by County in 2005.”

[Source: CEC Table - Energy Consumption by County - 2005](#)

Table 3-1 Energy Savings and Demand Reduction Forecast

Installation Goals	2009	2010	2011	Total
Gross Peak Demand Reduction (kW)	550	1,100	1,630	1,630
Gross Energy Savings (kWh)	6.7 Million	13.5 Million	20.2 Million	40.4 Million

Note: Should LADWP join the partnership, additional savings potential in Inyo County might exceed 6 million kWh annually with demand reduction of over 1,000 kW.

The three year projected budget, as presented on the following page in Table 3-2, is \$975,000, including partner contributions. This budget was formulated in two ways. First, the successful HSEI partnership was used as a base and scaled to reflect the increase in size, represented by population served of over two and one-half times. Second, the budget needs to reflect an emphasis on resources and so the incentive/rebate costs and direct implementation costs were adjusted accordingly.

Table 3-2 Overall Budget Allocation (\$)

Utility Name: Southern California Edison		
Item	Annual Program Budget	
	(\$)	(%)
Administrative Costs	\$75,000	23%
Marketing/Outreach Costs	50,000	15
Incentive/ Rebate Costs	75,000	23
Direct Implementation Costs	125,000	39
Total	\$325,000	100%

Administrative Costs: The Foundation will implement the ESEI partnership and the budget allocation of \$225,000, or \$75,000 annually, is equivalent to 1.5 full time employees, including benefits.

Marketing/ Outreach Costs: The existing HSEI spends \$18,000 annually for advertising in their “Did You Know” radio and print campaign. This program would more than double to serve the larger geographic area and additional funds are also budgeted for ESCOG member-specific brochures and community activities.

Incentive/Rebate Costs: It’s unclear whether these would be unique rebates to the partnership or just the allocation of rebate programs available through SCE. In any case, \$225,000 seems a reasonable incentive to capture the 20 million kWh of projected annual savings, valued at nearly \$3 million each year at current rates.

Direct Implementation Costs: There are over 100 municipal buildings in the area that could be served by ESEI, as well as a multitude of multifamily dwellings in the resort areas. The engineering and construction assistance that could be provided by ESEI would be focused on these opportunities.

Total Three-Year Budget: The three-year budget totals \$975,000, after partner contributions, and is budgeted equally in 2009, 2010, and 2011.

Part 3

Item A. Cost Efficiency

One of the key objectives of ESEI that was mentioned in Part 2 of this Abstract is to establish a *culture* of energy efficiency. Of course, in utility-speak, this is a non-resource activity, but it does have the advantage – when successfully implemented – of driving end users to efficiency programs. For example, HSEI has an extensive advertising and outreach program that positions the partnership as the point of contact for building design and appropriate efficiency options. Consequently HSEI has been able to direct developers to the Savings by Design program, as well as provide direct assistance to local businesses, such as small as childcare centers. Additionally, the Town Council of Mammoth Lakes looks to HSEI for “energy leadership” and HSEI has successfully petitioned the Council to adopt LEED standards for new a public safety building, reversing the initial staff recommendation.

ESEI will continue to build on this *culture* and anticipates that reaching a 10 percent energy reduction goal over three years for total energy use in the served geographic area is not unrealistic. Assuming the average cost per kilowatt-hour is 13.5 cents in Table 3-2a (below), and ignoring the value of any capacity savings, ESEI would be cost effective, even assuming only 75% retention of savings – with a total three-year budget, net to SCE, of \$900,000.

Table 3-2a ESEI Cost effectiveness Projections

County	Budgeted KWh Savings (Millions)	Annual \$ Value at 13.5 Cents/kWh	75% Retention	10 year Present Value at 6% Discount
Inyo	3.2	\$432,000	\$324,000	\$2,384,668
Mono	17.0	\$2,296,350	\$1,722,263	\$12,676,002
Total	20.2	\$2,728,350	\$2,046,263	\$15,060,670

The Foundation, which will manage ESEI, has sustainability that is not dependent on the financial support of the ESCOG member agencies. The Foundation has a mission of promoting and developing renewable and efficiency resources in the Sierra and draws support, both direct and indirect, from the governments and businesses in the area –

notably the Town, Iceland America Energy and Mammoth Mountain Ski Area. This level of support is reflected in the “Partner Sponsored” line in Table 3-3 below.

Table 3-3: Budget (Resource and Non-resource Activities)

Item	2009	2010	2011	Total
Total Resource Activity Budget	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$600,000
Total Resource Activity Sponsored by Partner	0	0	0	0
Total Non-Resource Activity Budget	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$375,000
Total Non-Resource Activity Sponsored by Partner	(\$25,000)	(\$25,000)	(\$25,000)	(\$75,000)
Total	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$900,000

Item B. Skill and Experience

As specified in the ESCOG Resolution (Attachment 1) Point 5, the Foundation will implement “the mission of the Eastern Sierra Energy Initiative and work closely with the member agencies and SCE in all facets of the partnership.” The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation based in Mammoth Lakes and was the successful implementer of HSEI. The mission of the Foundation is to promote and develop renewable and efficiency resources in the High Sierra. It was started in early 2006 and has a record of leadership and accomplishments both with energy efficiency and renewables, as noted below:

Leadership: The Foundation is governed by a seven member Board of Directors, composed of community leaders in the Town, and has an annual budget of approximately \$300,000. The Foundation has two full time employees and is led by Executive Director Rick Phelps. Phelps started his energy career in 1985 when he was appointed to the Utility Advisory Commission in Pasadena, California where he served three terms as chair before leaving in 1992. He also served in the early 1990s on Los Angeles County’s Water Advisory Commission that was tasked to develop approaches for dealing with drought conditions in Southern California.

From 1992-1996, Phelps led the sales and marketing function for SCE's highly successful ENvest^{SCE} division that succeeded in developing and constructing about \$100 million in energy efficiency projects at major facilities throughout Southern California. After leaving SCE in 1996, Phelps worked independently with water conservation and energy efficiency projects before joining the Foundation in 2005. Phelps has a B.S. in Economics from the University of Texas and an M.B.A. from the Harvard University Graduate School of Business.

Accomplishments: The Foundation's accomplishments with the HSEI partnership include outreach and efficiency programs. The Foundation also works with renewable projects outside of the partnership. All of these areas of accomplishments are addressed in the following paragraphs:

1. Outreach: Activities developed through the HSEI partnership include, among others:
 - Developing the “Did You Know” advertising campaign in the weekly papers and local radio that addresses a different energy fact in each ad to promote ways to save energy in your home and daily life
 - Implementing the “Living Wise” energy/water conservation program in the local sixth grade earth science class, including obtaining supplemental funding from the Mammoth Community Water District (“MCWD”) for field trips and special projects
 - Co-Sponsoring the High Sierra Energy Summit with Cerro Coso Community College – a weeklong symposium on energy efficiency, green building, and renewables (for credit, if desired)
 - Publishing *Mammoth Energy Smart* – a 24 page bound booklet that provides guidance on saving energy in the high alpine environment of Mammoth Lakes
 - Sponsoring an annual High Energy Party to promote progress and distribute efficiency information and compact fluorescent lamps (“CFLs”).
2. Efficiency Programs: HSEI has successfully implemented and “funneled” many SCE efficiency programs by using advertising to promote local benefits to Mammoth Lakes, including:
 - *Local Small Business Direct Install* – more than sixty small businesses participated in this program
 - *Multifamily Efficiency Program* – Seventeen complexes are participating and more will come on line in 2008.

- *Lamp Exchanges* – Over 500 households, out of about 3,000 in Mammoth Lakes, took advantage of the program
- *LED Holiday Light Exchange* – Over 600 strings of LEDs have been exchanged for traditional incandescent holiday lights
- *Town Holiday Lighting* – All of the Town holiday decorations were relamped with LEDs for the 2007 season and LED decorative lighting was provided for the Town’s new ice rink
- *CFL Distribution* – Through sponsorship of community events, such as Earth Day, the Town Tree Lighting, the High Sierra Energy Summit, and community ski championships, HSEI has distributed nearly 1,500 CFLs
- The Foundation has an established record of success and in April 2007 received an award from SCE for “Special Recognition for Exemplary Contribution to the 2006 Energy Efficiency Programs.”

Significantly, in 2006 the direct install and CFL distribution programs generated about \$100,000 in annual savings and certainly proves the cost-effectiveness of the HSEI partnership, which is a non-resource partnership.

3. Renewable Projects: These activities are separate from the HSEI partnership and include:

- Grant funding from the CEC to develop the structure for a geothermal heating district in the Town
- Private funding from Iceland America Energy and Mammoth Mountain Ski Area to incorporate geothermal heating into new development projects
- Sponsoring, with financial support from the Town, the development of “A Practical Guide to Renewable Energy in an Alpine Environment” that will be published in the first half of 2008
- Working with residential ranches on large solar projects in the northern part of the Owens Valley, just outside of Bishop.

Item C. Demonstrated Commitment

The positive experience of the Town with HSEI in the 2006-2008 timeframe will be very important in convincing the other member agencies of the ESCOG to make an active commitment to energy efficiency and sustainability. In fact, the success of the Town’s

partnership was the key driver in convincing the member agencies of the ESCOG to consider the formation of ESEI, even though the Abstract deadline was so short.

The Town has endorsed the U.S. Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Resolution, financially supports the Foundation, adopted a Renewable Energy Policy in 2005 that encourages new projects to exceed California Title 24 Building Standards, and has incorporated energy provisions into the new General Plan.

The other member agencies of ESCOG, which are the City of Bishop and Mono and Inyo Counties, are beginning to take a very proactive role in energy efficiency efforts through audits and energy services contracts. The fact that all of the agencies support the draft ESCOG Resolution in Attachment 1 speaks to their commitment in supporting the formation of ESEI even though the time to come together and make a decision has been extremely short.

The long-term energy champion for ESEI is the Foundation. Having a separate nonprofit perform this role makes sense for a diverse rural region with limited staff resources. The Foundation offers focused expertise and concentrates on the goal of saving energy and is not distracted by other government agency priorities. Additionally, the Foundation has already proved itself through its involvement and leadership of HSEI in Mammoth Lakes.

Item D. Partner’s Municipal Facilities and Infrastructure

As there are four member agencies of ESCOG, and the Abstract response time was accelerated, complete data is not yet available. However, the following table provides a quick glimpse of the energy savings potential:

Table 3.D.1 ESCOG Facilities 7 Energy Use
Italics are estimates

Agency	Buildings	Square Footage	Annual SCE Energy Costs
Mammoth Lakes	<i>15</i>	NA	\$148,000
Bishop	NA	NA	<i>25,000</i>
Inyo County	<i>8</i>	<i>62,000</i>	<i>97,000</i>
Mono County	<i>77</i>	NA	164,400
Total	NA	NA	<i>\$434,400</i>

The Town, with the support of HSEI, is planning a major lighting retrofit of facilities during the second quarter of 2008. Bishop has very few municipal facilities in SCE territory and the potential for lighting retrofits or other efficiency upgrades has not been assessed. Inyo County is just initiating an audit process and is seeking CEC grants for this purpose and hopeful that ESEI will be able to help with implementation. Mono County is actively working with an engineering/energy services company on a major infrastructure and energy efficiency improvement of their facilities totaling nearly \$4 million, although only a small portion of that work is directly related to energy efficiency. Mono County Chief Administrative Officer David Wilbrecht believes that the proposed ESEI will be very helpful in moving forward the energy efficiency portion of this work.

Item E. Feasibility

The plan will be to build on the success of HSEI in Mammoth Lakes and expand seamlessly into the surrounding region in a sequential fashion, including:

- Beginning January, 2009 expand the “Did You Know” advertising campaign with new logo and graphic identity to include the City of Bishop, Mono and Inyo Counties (2009-2011)
- Initiate audits and retrofits of municipal/county facilities in order to capture available opportunities and demonstrate to the non-governmental community the viability of energy efficiency upgrades. ESEI will involve local media in doing articles and case studies of progress (2009)
- Hold energy events in different locations in the territory of ESEI, including Bridgeport, June Lake and Bishop (2009-2011)
- Roll out SCE energy efficiency programs, with supporting local advertising and implementation assistance, in population centers in the ESEI territory (2009-2011)
- Develop unique programs for electric heating efficiency in the high alpine areas of Mono County (2009)
- Focus on implementing demand response HVAC program in the warmer areas of Inyo County and Bishop in the spring and summer of 2009 and thereafter.

The Foundation has the team in place and the experience to expand rapidly to the ESEI partnership and anticipates there will be no start up delays or other roadblocks.

Item F. Integrated Approach

The implementer of ESEI is the Foundation, which, through its mission, addresses all aspects of energy efficiency and renewables. The Foundation is actively involved in developing geothermal resources for heating in Mammoth Lakes and Mono County, green building options in Mammoth Lakes and solar possibilities in Northern Inyo County. The Foundation is also working with the CEC on Title 24 building standards to see if they could be modified for an alpine environment. The Foundation is also evaluating whether locally adopted energy ordinances would be cost effective.

As the energy champion of the ESEI partnership, the Foundation will continue to promote, educate and assist Councils, County Boards and staffs in developing standards that always recognize the value of saving energy. This continued emphasis ensures an integrated approach.

Item G. Comprehensiveness

The goals presented in Table 3-1 represent about a 10% reduction in energy use and demand over the 2009-2011 period. The only way to achieve this type of savings is to recognize the following:

- The alpine parts of the ESEI territory are winter peaking and new programs designed to reduce electric heating are essential
- The valley areas of the ESEI territory are summer peaking and AC programs will be appealing
- The opportunity for lighting retrofits is pervasive and savings should be harvested throughout the ESEI territory.

This climatic diversity demands that ESEI use all of the tools at its disposal, including rebates, direct install, training and community outreach events. Comprehensiveness will be the key to success.

However, ESEI will not reach its goals unless it succeeds in creating the *culture* of energy efficiency mentioned earlier. The geography of the region places a value on ESEI's outreach and advertising efforts. Fortunately, it is easier to reach people in this area with advertising than it is in the highly populated areas of Southern California.

Making it easier is the fact that ads are cheaper and frequent “impressions” are possible. Those impressions, coupled with active programs with government entities and community groups, will contribute to creating the desired *culture*. And, creating that *culture* will be key in capturing “lost opportunities.”

Item H. Innovation and Reflects the Strategic Planning Process

The vision of the draft California Energy Efficiency Strategic Plan also captures the mission of ESEI and the Foundation:

By 2020, all of California’s local governments will be operating within an energy efficiency and renewable resource environment that is characterized by integrated state approaches, local engagement and cooperation, and informed energy action.

In 2004 many residents of Mammoth Lakes participated in a Town-sponsored Renewable Energy Task Force (the “RETF”). The Town provided some staffing assistance, but it was primarily a citizen-driven task force. As the meetings of the RETF drew to a close in late 2004, several citizens realized that the Town did not have the resources or focus to move aggressively with the renewable and efficiency strategies developed by the RETF. In response, those citizens formed the Foundation and received initial funding from the Town and made additional contributions of their own in order to launch the Foundation in a professional and sustainable manner.

The Foundation has become, in Mammoth Lakes Town Manager’s Robert Clark’s words, the Town’s “Energy Manager.” The Foundation has also been able to increase the budget substantially from the early years and has begun to expand its influence to the surrounding community of Bishop and the Counties of Mono and Inyo. The Foundation is also in a position to try and bring LADWP into ESEI, which could further expand its influence in creating the energy efficiency *culture*.

Clearly, the Foundation, through the existing HSEI and the proposed ESEI partnerships, is fulfilling the dream and vision of the California Energy Efficiency Strategic Plan by:

- Ensuring that local governments are engaged in energy and cooperating in solutions for both public and private sector energy use

- Working directly with local government agencies on programs that inform residents of the opportunities and necessity of energy efficiency both for short term comfort and long term sustainability
- Being recognized as a reliable information source for building practices and energy efficiency for both the private and public sectors; e.g. the Foundation has offered expertise on the Town's new public safety building and has worked with the Mammoth Mountain Ski Area and other developers on green building and LEED certification
- Promoting renewable energy options with particular emphasis on using the geothermal energy in our region for space heating.

Separate from this partnership response, the Foundation is also working on an existing grant from the CEC on structuring a geothermal heating district and has applied for an additional grant to drill the first well for the heating district in cooperation with the Town, MCWD, and Iceland America Energy. A Memorandum of Understanding is on the agendas of the Town and the MCWD at their upcoming meetings on March 19 and 20 that will endorse this cooperative approach to developing renewable resources.

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The Foundation is very pleased to be able to respond to this Request for Abstracts and looks forward to building on our success with the High Sierra Energy Initiative and expanding into far more of the Eastern Sierra with the Eastern Sierra Energy Initiative.

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE EASTERN
SIERRA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS DECLARING
SUPPORT FOR AN ENERGY PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON AND THE EASTERN
SIERRA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TO BE NAMED
"THE EASTERN SIERRA ENERGY INITIATIVE"

WHEREAS, the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments ("ESCOG") - representing the jurisdictions of the City of Bishop, the Town of Mammoth Lakes, Inyo County and Mono County – supports "energy efficiency" initiatives, policies, and construction standards in order to ensure that our member communities follow and encourage sustainable practices; and

WHEREAS, local demand for electricity has grown, and it is expected that demand for electricity will continue to grow in the near future to support a growing population and economy; and

WHEREAS, citizens and businesses spend significant amounts for energy, it makes economic sense and good public policy to encourage energy efficiency in the regional area served by ESCOG; and

WHEREAS, energy efficiency programs enhance our environment by improving air quality, reducing greenhouse gases and other pollution, and conserving natural resources; and

WHEREAS, it is vital for our communities to keep spending local and to encourage innovations in the way we behave, build, and incorporate energy into our everyday business and personal lives; and

WHEREAS, there is a growing movement within California communities and businesses to improve everyday practices and create more sustainable and "greener" cities; and

WHEREAS, the High Sierra Energy Foundation ("HSEF"), a nonprofit corporation based in Mammoth Lakes with a mission of promoting energy efficiency resources, has an established record with the implementation of the Southern California Edison ("SCE") community energy partnership in Mammoth Lakes and was given by SCE "Special Recognition for Exemplary Contribution to the 2006 Energy Efficiency Programs;" and

WHEREAS, the communities composing ESCOG seek to promote innovative methods and state-of-the-art technologies used in the design and construction of new residential and commercial buildings within the region, in order to bring energy and natural resource consumption in line with our sustainability goals; and

WHEREAS, ESCOG member staffs, with the assistance of HSEF, are identifying the suite of programs within SCE's proposed Local Government Partnership Program as being consistent with ESCOG member's customer service goals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments, as follows:

1. That the above recitations are true and correct.
2. That ESCOG supports and endorses the Eastern Sierra Energy Initiative ("ESEI" - a SCE Local Government Partnership) as an effective method to help meet long-term regional economic and environmental goals.
3. That ESCOG and its member jurisdictions support a commitment to sustainable practices through energy efficiency, and will provide leadership and guidance in promoting, facilitating, and instituting such practices in the region and will work to ensure that all public facilities are audited and the opportunities for energy efficiency are implemented.
4. That ESCOG will ask members to name individuals to an ESEI Working Group that will review progress at least monthly with representatives of SCE.
5. That ESCOG designates the Mammoth Lakes-based nonprofit High Sierra Energy Foundation (or an other organization designated by ESCOG should conditions merit a change) to implement the mission of the Eastern Sierra Energy Initiative and work closely with the member agencies and SCE in all facets of the partnership.
6. That ESCOG will designate one of the member agencies to be the fiscal agent of the Partnership with SCE and receive all funds disbursed by SCE in support of the Eastern Sierra Energy Initiative.
7. That ESCOG will provide special recognition to all regional agencies, nonprofits, and businesses that utilize any of the programs encompassed by the Eastern Sierra Energy Initiative.
8. That this Resolution will become effective only when adopted by the Councils of Bishop and Mammoth Lakes and the Board of Supervisors of Inyo and Mono Counties.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 14TH DAY OF MARCH, 2008

Chair

ATTEST:

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Thank you again for expediting this process and we look forward to seeing the response.

Sincerely,

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Thank you for agreeing to coordinate a regional response to Southern California Edison's "Call for Abstracts for Local Government Partnerships."

You will be responding based on the draft Resolution for the "Eastern Sierra Energy Initiative" that will be on the agenda for the March 14, 2008, Eastern Sierra Council of Governments meeting. Additionally, you understand that your response will be provided at no cost or obligation to the County, and that any eventual contractual agreement that may be proposed as a result of your efforts will need to be considered and approved by the Inyo County Board of Supervisors.

Thank you again for expediting this process, and we look forward to seeing the response.

Sincerely,

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Kevin D. Carunchio
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Robert F. Clark