

October 18, 2021

Shasta County Sheriff's Office Attention: Sheriff Michael Johnson & Undersheriff Jason Barnhart 300 Park Marina Circle Redding, CA 96001

Re: Fountain Wind Project Commitment to the to the Shasta County Sheriff's Office

Dear Sheriff Johnson and Undersheriff Barnhart,

CG Fountain Wind LLC ("ConnectGen") is currently developing the Fountain Wind energy generation project ("Project") in northeastern Shasta County. This letter serves to memorialize ConnectGen's commitment of financial support to the Shasta County Sheriff's Office for high-priority public safety needs of Shasta County.

## **Background**

For more than two years, ConnectGen actively engaged members of the Shasta County community to identify opportunities for ConnectGen to invest funds for the benefit of the community. The collective set of benefits ConnectGen intends to offer is referred to as the "Community Benefit Program." Based on feedback from a wide range of stakeholders, it became clear that continued support for public safety in Shasta County is of utmost priority. Accordingly, ConnectGen reached out to the Shasta County Sheriff's Office in the Summer of 2020 to discuss ways the Project could support public safety goals via the Community Benefit Program.

Following the July 27, 2021, appointment of the new Shasta County Sheriff, Mike Johnson, representatives of ConnectGen contacted Sherriff Johnson to continue conversations regarding a funding commitment to support the goals of the Shasta County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Johnson indicated the funding could be used for a variety of needs, including combating the proliferation of illegal cannabis operations in Shasta County, employee recruiting and retention, funding additional K-9 units, and placement of additional personnel within the Intermountain region. Sheriff Johnson explained that, if the Project is approved, and the Shasta County Sheriff's Office were to receive funding pursuant to the Community Benefit Program, he would seek direct input from the residents in the Project area as to their desired public safety efforts, and his office would focus this new funding accordingly.

## Commitment

ConnectGen is committed to helping fund high-priority public safety expenditures and projects of the Shasta County Sheriff's Office and would like to increase its previously discussed commitment of One-Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) to One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00). If the

Project obtains all required approvals and permits and construction of the Project commences, such amount will be paid to Shasta County, for the benefit of the Shasta County Sherriff's Office, prior to the Project's achievement of commercial operation. ConnectGen is proud to support local law enforcement and welcomes the opportunity to support the Shasta County Sheriff's Office and local community by funding projects and expenditures that benefit public safety within Shasta County.

Sincerely,

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Chief Executive Officer CG Fountain Wind LLC