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EnerNOC, Inc., Johnson Controls, Inc., and Comverge, Inc. ("Joint DR Parties")

respectfully submit these Joint Reply Comments on the Proposed Decision Approving Demand

Response Program Improvements and 2015-2016 Bridge Funding Budget ("Proposed Decision").

The Proposed Decision was mailed in Rulemaking (R.) 13-09-011 on April 15, 2014. These

Joint Reply Comments are timely filed and served pursuant to Article 14 of the Commission's

Rules of Practice and Procedure and the instructions accompanying the Proposed Decision.

#### I. DACC/AREM'S RECOMMENDATION FOR A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) IF AMP CONTRACTS ARE NOT RENEGOTIATED AND EXTENDED IS REASONABLE AND SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE FINAL DECISION.

The Joint DR Parties' Opening Comments fully support the Proposed Decision's direction for Southern California Edison Company (SCE) to enter into "good faith" negotiations with the aggregators to extend SCE's Aggregator Managed Portfolio (AMP) contracts through 2016 and consider modifications to these AMP contracts similar to those adopted by the Commission in D.14-02-033 for Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E's) AMP Contracts.<sup>1</sup> Joint DR Parties requested a further modification to ensure timely review and approval of the renegotiated contracts. Specifically, Joint DR Parties asked that the Proposed

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Proposed Decision, at p. 48.

Decision be modified to allow SCE to submit the re-negotiated AMP contracts by Advice Letter where the modifications are consistent with applicable Commission decisions and do not change the cost-effectiveness of the contracts.<sup>2</sup>

In their Opening Comments, the Direct Access Customer Coalition and Alliance for Retail Energy Markets (DACC/AReM) requested a further modification to preserve the valuable DR resources represented by the AMP contracts in the event that neither renegotiation of the SCE contracts nor extension of the existing AMP contracts (SCE and Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E)) occurs.<sup>3</sup> Because renegotiation and contract extensions are "not a certainty," DACC/AReM asks that the Proposed Decision be modified to "require that the IOUs conduct a fast-track request for proposals ('RFP') that would allow all DR Providers to submit bids to provide service under AMP-like contracts."<sup>4</sup>

The Joint DR Parties agree with DACC/AReM that it is critical to preserve the valuable resources represented by the AMP contracts and to ensure there is no gap in the level of DR resources that are anticipated for the 2015-2016 time period. In order to achieve this continuity and to reflect the Joint DR Parties' Opening Comments, it is reasonable for the Commission to modify the Proposed Decision (1) to allow SCE to submit the re-negotiated AMP contracts by Advice Letter where the modifications are consistent with applicable Commission decisions and do not change the cost-effectiveness of the contracts, as recommended by the Joint DR Parties, and (2) to allow the IOUs to conduct a fast-track RFP in the event that they are unable to reach agreement with aggregators on the existing AMP contracts, as recommended by DACC/AReM.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Joint DR Parties Opening Comments, at p. 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> DACC/AReM Opening Comments, at p. 3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> <u>Id</u>.

#### II. CONCLUSION

As stated in their Opening Comments, the Joint DR Parties strongly support the Proposed

Decision's approval of the utilities' 2015-2016 DR Program Budgets and the program

improvements recommended for SCE's AMP program. The Joint DR Parties do, however, ask

that the two minor modifications identified in the Joint DR Parties' Opening Comments and the

modification requested by DACC/AReM described above be part of the Commission's Final

Decision on DR Program Improvements and 2015-2016 Bridge Funding. .

Respectfully submitted,

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