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## CALIFORNIA ENERGY STORAGE ALLIANCE HONORS DR. CARLA PETERMAN

**Berkeley, Calif. – February 19, 2019** – Next week, <u>California Energy Storage Alliance</u> (CESA) member executives, CCA's, utilities, and government agencies will gather to honor Dr. Carla J. Peterman, former California Public Utilities Commissioner and steadfast energy storage champion. The intimate gathering of 200 leaders will take place at the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual CESA Market Development Forum in Berkeley, CA.

Dr. Peterman joined the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) in December 2012 and served until December 2018. Her accomplishments during that time include the adoption of the world's first utility energy storage mandate, the successful procurement of more than 1,500 MW of new grid connected energy storage capacity, the development of the first framework for multi-use energy storage applications, and the approval of \$965 million in approved EV infrastructure investments.

The energy storage mandate model set by California under Peterman's leadership at the CPUC has been so effective that it is now being repeated across the US. For example, New York recently announced its energy storage procurement target of 3 GW. Many more states are expected to follow suit.

"Carla is a real champion for the clean energy sector," remarks Janice Lin, CESA Co-Founder and Executive Director. "Not only has her support for energy storage laid the necessary foundation for the state to achieve its 100% clean electricity goal, but Carla's vision and leadership has also provided necessary leadership and inspiration for the role of fast flexible energy storage solutions to enable many other states and countries around the world to do the same."

Says Carla Peterman, "It is a great honor to be recognized by CESA. I'm proud of the work we have collectively done to demonstrate energy storage's value to customers and the electric grid. Collaboration between industry, policymakers, and customers has been key to California's energy storage success. Thank you CESA for your willingness to engage."

The invite-only CESA Market Development forum will be held February 26-27. <u>Agenda and information here</u>.

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## ABOUT THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY STORAGE ALLIANCE

The <u>California Energy Storage Alliance</u> (CESA) is a nonprofit 501c6 membership-based advocacy group committed to advancing the role of energy storage in the electric power sector through policy, education, outreach, and research in California, one of the largest energy storage markets in the world. The mission of CESA is to make energy storage a mainstream resource in helping to advance a more affordable, cleaner, efficient and reliable electric power system for all Californians.

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