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PRESS RELEASE **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Clean Power Alliance Dedicates \$1 Million in COVID-19-Related Customer Relief

Impacted Residential and Small Business Customers Who Sign Up for Financial Assistance and Payment Plans May Qualify for Automatic Electricity Bill Credits

Manhattan Beach, CA (May 14, 2020) – In response to customers facing financial challenges due to COVID-19, the City’s community choice energy provider, Clean Power Alliance, is creating a \$1 million program to provide automatic electricity bill credits. Clean Power Alliance is a nonprofit entity, formed through a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) made up of 32 public agencies across Los Angeles and Ventura counties—including Manhattan Beach, working together to bring clean, renewable power choices to our communities.

On May 7, Clean Power Alliance’s Board of Directors approved a \$1 million bill assistance program for residential and small business customers impacted by COVID-19, who sign up for payment plans or state financial assistance programs through Southern California Edison (SCE).

“Choosing between rent, bills, and groceries or payroll is a situation no family or small business should have to face,” said Mayor Richard Montgomery, “I’m happy to see the City’s clean energy provider, Clean Power Alliance, is supporting residents impacted by COVID-19 during this difficult time.”

Residential customers who recently lost their jobs or have reduced income due to COVID-19 can receive extra help through a few options. This assistance program is available to customers who enroll in [CARE, FERA](#), or [Medical Baseline](#) and who call SCE at (800) 655-4555 to get on a payment plan. Clean Power Alliance may provide a one-time \$25 bill credit to residential customers who sign up for CARE, FERA, or Medical Baseline assistance on or after March 16. For customers already enrolled in these programs, Clean Power Alliance may also give a one-time \$25 bill credit if those customers sign up for a SCE payment plan on or after March 16. Clean Power Alliance will issue these COVID-19 relief bill credits on a first-come, first-served basis until the funds are exhausted.

Small business customers who are facing financial hardship related to COVID-19 can also receive up to a one-year partial extension on their electricity payments. Clean Power Alliance will give a one-time \$50 bill credit to small business customers who sign up for a payment plan through SCE on or after March 16.

For more information, please visit cleanpoweralliance.org/covid19 to find out if you are eligible for electricity bill credits.