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Outlook

**USC student project on preventing blackouts in Marin, Contra Costa, Napa and Solano Counties — quick question**

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Dear Members of the MCE Board of Directors,

I'm Shlok Jain from the University of Southern California. My team is currently competing in a competition to get incubated so we can bring this project forward into the real world. We are genuinely interested in this problem, but to be incubated we are on a very tight timeline.

As members of the board of MCE, you already help your communities choose cleaner power, which makes MCE a natural partner for a neighborhood-level energy system like ours.

Would MCE be interested in a system that optimizes your customers' electricity use by customizing each neighborhood's energy system around the needs of its households? GraceGrid would:

1. Optimize neighborhood electricity consumption
2. Lower household electricity bills
3. Unlock the value of neighborhood energy
4. Protect the people who need electricity most
5. Reduce the risk of preventable blackouts
6. Make communities more resilient

We would tailor each neighborhood's system through a voluntary, opt-in survey of residents' energy needs and priorities (for example, critical medical equipment or special cooling needs), so the system protects the households that need electricity most.

If at all possible, could you reply today (Saturday, October 17) by 6 PM Pacific? A later reply would still help us greatly. Even one line helps: whether you'd be interested, who the right person or committee is, or whether you'd be open to a short call or to helping us connect with residents.

GraceGrid: Smarter Energy. Lower Bills. Stronger Communities.
Don't wait for the grid to fail. Prevent the next crisis before it begins.

Thank you,
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