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California ISO  
250 Outcropping Way  
Folsom, CA 95630

RE: 2014-2015 Transmission Planning Process Continued Study – Stakeholder Comments  
Buck Blvd. Generation Tie Loop-In Project

Dear Sir or Madame,

This letter is to provide the CAISO with comments on its September 22<sup>nd</sup> presentation on the above topic. While the attachment does go into some detail, I would like to provide some of the summary points as to why AltaGas believes that this project should be recommended for approval by Staff to the CAISO Board of Governors.

1. The benefit to cost ratio is superior to projects approved by the CAISO in recent memory.
2. Our internal study has revealed that the project improves reliability of the system as it eliminates overloads on some SCE/MWD transmission lines under at least 190 N-1-1 conditions. Most of these occur on the Julian Hinds – Mirage circuit.
3. This project is essentially built today and is therefore not subject to the development and execution risks normally associated with a proposed project. While SCE has stated that this project could take three years to complete, this is a standard answer and we are confident that this project could be completed in significantly less time. Thus providing benefits to CAISO stakeholders much sooner than one would expect from traditional new projects.
4. The 1,482 MVA working rating of the existing line and its proposed loop-in connections would likely provide greater transmission access to renewable energy projects in the area. Some of which have been placed on hold for economic reasons due to high interconnection costs. The availability of this transmission capacity to generators would further support the government's position on increasing access to renewable energy supplies in this great state.

5. The project has overwhelming support from local, state and federal officials. (Attached are a series of support letters previously submitted to the CAISO)

AltaGas and its consultant ZGlobal are always available to discuss this project further should the need arise. Thank you again for your time and we look forward to the continued cooperation with the fine folks at the CAISO.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Doyle', written in a cursive style.

Christopher J. Doyle  
Vice President