

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of the Application of NEXTERA ENERGY TRANSMISSION WEST, LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Suncrest Dynamic Reactive Power Support Project.

A.15-08-027
(Filed August 31, 2015)

**COMMENTS OF
THE CALIFORNIA INDEPENDENT SYSTEM OPERATOR CORPORATION**

Pursuant to Rule 14.3 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, the California Independent System Operator Corporation (CAISO) submits these comments on the Proposed *Decision Approving Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Suncrest Dynamic Reactive Power Support Project* (Proposed Decision). The CAISO supports the Proposed Decision and recommends that the Commission vote to approve it as soon as possible.

The Proposed Decision approves NextEra Energy Transmission, LLC’s (NEET West) application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the Suncrest Dynamic Reactive Power Support Project (Suncrest Project). Importantly, the Proposed Decision finds (1) that the Suncrest Project is needed to meet “an identified public ‘policy’ driven need to meet the [renewable portfolio standard];” (2) that the final environmental impact report correctly acknowledges that identified mitigation measures will reduce the Suncrest Project’s environmental impact to less than significant levels; and (3) that the environmentally superior alternative to the Suncrest Project is infeasible for numerous temporal, legal, and policy-related reasons. These findings are clearly and logically presented in the Proposed Decision and are well-supported by the factual record.

Based on these findings, the CAISO recommends that the Commission approve the Proposed Decision.

Respectfully submitted,

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