



California Wind Energy Association

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Mr. Neil Millar
Executive Director
Infrastructure Development
California Independent System Operator
Via email to nmillar@caiso.com

Dear Mr. Millar,

The California Wind Energy Association wishes to express its strong support for the “Mesa 500-kV Loop-In” transmission expansion plan as proposed by Southern California Edison Company (SCE) in its presentation at the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) 2013-14 Transmission Planning Process (TPP) Stakeholder meeting on Preliminary Reliability Assessment Results.

Due to our full engagement over the years in various initiatives and forums aimed at determining the most beneficial transmission upgrades to meet the state’s reliability, economic and policy goals -- including the CAISO’s TPP, the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP), the Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative (RETI), the California Transmission Planning Group (CTPG), and the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (TRTP) -- we have become familiar with this project in the various forms it has taken. We have also had the opportunity to review and confirm the many reliability, economic and policy benefits that would ensue from the project. We are particularly supportive of the specific proposal made by SCE in the CAISO 2013-2014 TPP stakeholder process as it is the least costly and has the least environmental impact of all the possible variations of this project, while capturing the vast majority of its benefits.

If you have further questions, please contact CalWEA’s Transmission Advisor, Dariush Shirmohammadi, at 310-858-1174, or myself at 510-845-5077.

Sincerely,

Nancy Rader
Executive Director