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Mary Leslie, Chair, CAISO Board of Governors
Robert Kondziolka, Chair, Western Energy Imbalance Market Governing Body
California Independent System Operator
250 Outcropping Way
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Re: Comments in Support of Approval of the Extended Day Ahead Market (EDAM) Final Proposal

Dear Chairs Leslie and Kondziolka:

The undersigned entities appreciate the efforts over several years to bring the Extended Day Ahead Market (EDAM) to this critical point in the process for Board and Governing Body approval.

It was September, 2019 that stakeholders began formal engagement with the CAISO on the concepts and specifics of how an EDAM might move forward. While the process has had its fits and starts, affected as it was by grid reliability challenges and associated policy decisions, it is a testament to the CAISO and to all the stakeholders that progress continued, culminating with the detailed and well-deliberated proposal before you for approval.

The undersigned entities support Board and Governing Body approval of the EDAM Final Proposal. To be sure, all the work is not yet done and some entities will still need to conduct their own assessments of whether and when they might expect to join the EDAM, and seek regulatory approvals if applicable. There will be significant implementation and market mechanics to be worked through, and the potential EDAM Entities will also have to reflect the new market in their own Open Access Transmission Tariffs under which they provide service to their transmission customers. But the basics on governance, resource sufficiency, transmission access and revenue attribution, and greenhouse gas rules, enable the start of an important new step in regional market evolution. We believe the design will support significant adoption and participation in the market and enable achievement of the benefits that will flow from a larger market footprint.

EDAM builds on the tremendous success of the Western Energy Imbalance Market (WEIM), the software platforms, training, and relationships that have all contributed to the demonstrated success of the WEIM. It makes sense to enhance and augment what we know works for the benefit of customers and take this next step today to further enhance regional energy collaboration in the West, while also continuing a collaborative examination of market structures beyond EDAM.

Respectfully,

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