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CAISO Management and Staff,

MAT and PNW appreciate the opportunity to comment on the topics discussed during the September 25-26th stakeholder meeting regarding the 2013/2014 Transmission Planning Process. We recognize the efforts taken to improve the transmission planning process, including the economic study process, over the last two years and support the continued refinement and enhancement of the overall process.

We specifically support the process outlined to reach a decision on the Delaney to Colorado River transmission line as presented in the stakeholder meeting to complete the process initiated with the December 2010 economic study request. We also support the conceptual Gridview refinements CAISO proposed. We feel these improvements will help inform a better decision making process in two ways. First, the changes will update the CAISO’s economic analysis to the most current publically-vetted assumptions. Second, some of the fundamental changes discussed will help more accurately model what we would expect to see in terms of region-wide dispatch based on economic merit. We also support the continued valuation of other benefits such as capacity benefits using the same approach undertaken to recognize the value of the Sunrise Powerlink project as well as policy benefits.

Should you wish to discuss anything herein further, please do not hesitate to contact Darrell Gerrard or Jason Smith.