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Richard Maullin, Chair California Independent System Operator Corporation 250 Outcropping Way Folsom, CA 95630

Dear Chair Maullin:

The California Municipal Utilities Association ("CMUA") supports the Energy Imbalance Market ("EIM") governance proposal which is scheduled to be considered by the CAISO Board of Governors on September 17, 2015.

The Transitional Committee ("Committee") has undertaken an extensive process over many months to arrive at the current proposal before you. The Committee has been responsive to stakeholder concerns and fashioned a reasonable and balanced approach that should serve the EIM well in its formative stages, as wholesale markets in the West continue to evolve.

As community-owned utilities in California, we are highly attuned to market cost exposure for our customer-owners. California consumers have provided the foundation for regional market growth through funding, expertise, and the scars of experience. As the EIM continues to grow, and new transmission owners consider options to join the CAISO as Participating Transmission Owners, we urge the CAISO Board to stay focused on its core mission to ensure that EIM, or any regional market structure, provides benefits to California consumers commensurate the tremendous investment and stake we have in that future.

Sincerely,

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**Executive Director and CEO** 

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