



September 11, 2015

Board of Governors
California Independent System Operator
P.O. Box 639014
Folsom, CA 95763-9014

Dear Board of Governors:

On behalf of the Interwest Energy Alliance (“Interwest”), I am writing to express support for the EIM Transitional Committee’s (Committee) proposal for long-term governance of the energy imbalance market (EIM). Interwest is a non-profit trade association that represents the nation’s leading companies in the renewable energy industry, bringing them together with the West’s energy and conservation advocacy community to expand deployment of a reliable, cost-effective, and diverse portfolio of renewable energy resources. Interwest leads legislative, regulatory, and policy efforts in six western states (AZ, CO, NV, NM, UT & WY).

The Committee’s final proposal represents a balanced approach to providing the EIM governing body with delegated authority over EIM matters. The nominating process for a five-member board would afford meaningful EIM stakeholder input, and the body of state regulators, supported by the ISO, would be important for engaging state utility commissioners on EIM matters. In addition, the Regional Issues Forum would foster cross-state dialogue with neighboring balancing authorities and stakeholders.

The EIM provides an important new forum for regional collaboration in support of California’s and the West’s clean energy policies. The Committee’s proposed long-term governance structure for the EIM is a sound recommendation that Interwest supports.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Cottrell Propst". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sarah Cottrell Propst

Executive Director