



September 15, 2015

Richard Maullin, Chairman, CAISO
250 Outcropping Way
Folsom, CA 95630

RE: Support for Adoption of EIM Governance Proposal

Dear Chairman Maullin:

I am writing to express NRDC's support for the governance proposal drafted by the EIM Transitional Committee that is before your board for approval on September 17, 2015. NRDC believes this proposal provides a balanced approach for meeting the needs of both the EIM and ISO. We urge its adoption by the Board of Governors.

NRDC is a national, non-profit organization of scientists, lawyers, and environmental specialists, dedicated to protecting public health and the environment. Founded in 1970, NRDC serves more than one million members, supporters and environmental activists with offices in New York, Washington, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago and Beijing. NRDC has a long history of efforts to protect and conserve the nation's air, water, lands and wildlife resources. NRDC also has a long history of advocacy promoting the increased use of energy efficiency and renewable energy sources to meet America's energy needs both at the national level and in various states, including California.

As a member of the transitional committee I am understandably proud of the committee's work and its dedication to a fair, welcoming, and most importantly workable structure that both protects the ISO's interests and addresses the needs and concerns of present and potential market participants. NRDC would like to thank the ISO staff, whose generous support for this effort was both wonderful and a portent of the excellent relations we expect will flow between the EIM entity and the Governing Board in the months and years to come.

The EIM is a major step toward a more coordinated, integrated electrical system. Such a system is absolutely essential for speedily addressing the challenges of climate change. The EIM is not the answer to everything, but it is a key first step. As the ISO considers moving to a full regional day-ahead market we begin realizing increasing climate and economic benefits for our people here in California, in the broader West, and across the world.

Sincerely,

Carl Zichella
Director of Western Transmission

Cc: ISO Commissioners Olsen, Galiteva, Bhagwat, and Ferron