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## RE: CPUC Request to CAISO in Accordance with SB 887 (Becker, 2022)

Dear Mr. Mainzer:

Pursuant to Senate Bill 887 (Becker, 2022), this letter requests the California Independent System Operator to (1) identify, based as much as possible on studies and projections completed before January 1, 2023, by the CAISO, the CPUC and the California Energy Commission, the highest priority transmission facilities that are needed to allow for increased transmission capacity into local capacity areas to deliver renewable energy resources or zero-carbon resources that are expected to be developed by 2035, and (2) consider whether to approve such transmission projects as part of the CAISO's 2022–23 transmission planning process.

Please note that this request will also be communicated in a proposed decision in R.20-05-003, issued today.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and for continuing to work collaboratively with us to make forward progress in developing the clean energy resources and transmission facilities that are critical to the state's electric reliability and decarbonization policy goals.

Sincerely

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