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## SUPERVISOR JOHN J. BENOIT FOURTH DISTRICT

March 3, 2015

Mr. Keith Casey, Vice President of Market and Infrastructure Development  
c/o California Independent System Operator  
250 Outcropping Way  
Folsom, CA 95630

Dear Mr. Casey,

The Blythe Energy Loop-In Project will provide improvements to the vital power transmission system serving Eastern Riverside County. I generally support projects that improve transmission and reliability and ask that the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) favorably consider this project.

The project proposes to offer a range of benefits: increased overall energy deliverability, reduced overloads on other transmission lines and improved electric service reliability for Metropolitan Water District pumping stations to ensure a steady supply of water to the region.

The project may also help the state meet renewable energy standards by enabling additional energy generation from renewable sources to interconnect without significant and costly transmission grid upgrades.

By using existing infrastructure, the project attempts to eliminate the need for other expensive system upgrades in the region, reduce the cost and time needed to fix transmission line problems and minimize environmental impacts.

I ask that CAISO review the project and favorably consider the proposal. Please let me know if you have any questions. Call my office at (760) 863-8211.

Sincerely,

JOHN J. BENOIT  
Supervisor, Fourth District

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