

March 24, 2014

Robert Foster Chairman California ISO Board of Governors 250 Outcropping Way Folsom, CA 95630

Dear Chairman Foster:

On behalf of the CSP Alliance, I am recommending that Jim Baak become a member of the proposed CAISO Energy Imbalance Market Transitional Committee.

The CSP Alliance consists of concentrating solar power (CSP) developers and suppliers who advocate for CSP technology and increased recognition of the value the technology offers to the energy supply.

Over the past five years Jim Baak has represented the transmission-related interests of the solar industry. Jim knows the costs, performance characteristics and potential of PV and CSP technologies as well as the many issues related to a regional imbalance market from the increased use of distributed generation PV, utility-scale PV, and CSP with thermal energy storage. Jim has acquired broad regional experience and has a proven track record of representing solar and renewable energy interests. As a successful energy imbalance market will need to integrate renewable energy, Jim Baak's presence on the CAISO Energy Imbalance Market Transitional Committee will facilitate that success.

Beyond his experience in solar energy, however, Jim has worked with many of the organizations planning for tomorrow's regional grid. His knowledge of the issues and his ability to work cooperatively with people to find solutions to complex problems will make him a valuable part of the Committee.

The CSP Alliance supports his appointment to the Energy Imbalance Market Transitional Committee.

Sincerely,

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