



TRANSCANYON

Date: December 4, 2014
To: CAISO Management and Staff
Subject: TransCanyon comments on results presented at November 19-20, 2014
Transmission Planning Process (TPP) Stakeholder Meeting

TransCanyon appreciates the CAISO's significant efforts in the development of the 2014-2015 Transmission Plan. We are in agreement with and support the results and conclusions presented during the stakeholder meetings held November 19th and 20th to present an overview of the CAISO's policy-driven and economic assessments.

We encourage the CAISO to continue the analysis of potential contingency plans for addressing the LA Basin/San Diego Area reliability needs considering the CAISO's acknowledgment of the significant uncertainty of the ability of the IOUs to procure the authorized preferred resources and the ability of the region to realize other forecast assumptions including energy efficiency, distributed generation, and load growth.

We also encourage the CAISO to continue to monitor generation projects moving forward in the Imperial County Area in order to ensure that there are sufficient timely transmission reinforcements planned and approved to mitigate deliverability limits into the CAISO from the Imperial County Area. This will allow the CAISO grid to accommodate sufficient renewable resource development in this area in order for California to meet its existing and future policy objectives for renewable energy and greenhouse gas emission reduction.

We agree with the CAISO that there is significant and complex interaction between these two objectives:

1. Ensuring adequate reliability in the LA Basin/San Diego Area
2. Providing for sufficient deliverability from the Imperial County Area

We further agree with the CAISO's proposed strategy of looking at a combination of options that can address either or both of these objectives with flexibility in the order they would be addressed. One possible project portfolio was presented by the CAISO as (1) Midway to Devers 500kV and (2) Valley to Talega 500kV, which TransCanyon supports further pursuing as a viable solution.

We look forward to continuing to work with the CAISO and other stakeholders in the TPP to further vet the benefits and needs of these projects.

Sincerely,

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President