

Valley Electric Association, Inc. Comments on 2017 – 2018 Transmission Planning Assumptions

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Valley Electric Association, Inc. (VEA) appreciates the opportunity to provide these brief comments on the CAISO's 2017 – 2018 draft transmission planning assumptions.

The ISO's Transmission Planning Process, as specified in the ISO's Tariff Section 24.3.1, and further detailed in the Transmission Planning Process BPM Section 3.2.1, provides for a comment period during which VEA, as a stakeholder in this proceeding, would be able to propose assumptions to be included in the unified planning assumptions and study plan, including generation not already accounted for in the planning assumptions. This 30-day comment period for the 2017-2018 TPP cycle ended January 20, 2017. While VEA missed the initial comment period window, ISO staff has directed VEA to submit the assumptions to be considered under this comment opportunity.

VEA acts as its own Local Regulatory Authority. VEA under the direction of its board is in the process of considering contracting with additional renewable supplies in order to meet its carbon content goals, in anticipation of potential forthcoming Nevada state renewable requirements, and generally as VEA's other energy contracts reach their expiration dates. To this end, VEA requests that the ISO include in the planning assumptions a 100 MW solar facility located in the Nevada Southwest CREZ, "NV\_SW CREZ," in year 2021.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this information to be incorporated into the ISO's study work.