

September 9, 2009

Mr. Mason Willrich, Chairman, Board of Governors Mr. Yakout Mansour, President and Chief Executive Officer California Independent System Operator 151 Blue Ravine Road Folsom, CA 95630

## *Re: Support for September 11, 2009 Board Meeting Agenda Item #4 - Decision on Proposed Amendment to Large Generator Interconnection Procedures*

Gentlemen,

The Large-Scale Solar Association (LSA) is pleased to support the Management recommendations to the Board of Governors contained in the September 2, 2009 Memorandum describing the September 11<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting Agenda Item #4 – Decision on Proposed Amendment to Large Generator Interconnection Procedures. LSA urges a yes vote on a Motion to accept the Amendment and supports an immediate filing at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for approval within the timeline before the initial Interconnection Financial Security (IFS) posting is due.

LSA is a trade association representing utility-scale solar developers in California and the West. LSA represents eleven of the nation's premier solar energy developers and providers of utility-scale solar generating resources. Collectively, LSA members have contracted to provide over five gigawatts ("GW") of clean, sustainable solar power to California's load-serving entities ("LSEs"). Its members develop, own and operate various types of utility-scale solar technologies, including photovoltaic and solar thermal system designs.

Many LSA member companies have projects with interconnection requests in the transition cluster that have signed Power Purchase Agreements with the California IOUs. The amendment will allow many of the large scale renewable projects to remain on their development schedule and will help bring on renewable generation to the state-mandated 20% level and beyond to 33%.

LSA would like to thank the CAISO staff Steve Rutty and Bill DiCapo for their quick action in response to stakeholder feedback. This was an accelerated process, yet all who

participated had an opportunity to be heard. It is to the staff's credit that there was such wide stakeholder support towards the end of this process. Again, we urge a 'yes' vote on the Motion in the memorandum on this item.

Respectfully,

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Shannon Eddy Executive Director Large-Scale Solar Association

cc: CAISO Board of Governors Karen Edson, Vice President of External Affairs, CAISO