COMMENTS OF THE STAFF OF THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

ON THE AV CLEARVIEW PHASE I TRANSMISSION PROJECT - NEW ALTERNATIVE EVALUATION

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Introduction

The Staff of the California Public Utilities Commission ("CPUC Staff") appreciates this opportunity to provide comments on the California Independent System Operator's ("CAISO") "AV Clearview Phase I Transmission Project - New Alternative Evaluation."

1. CPUC Staff appreciates CAISO studying the modified AV Clearview project.

CPUC Staff appreciates CAISO's continuing evaluation of the AV Clearview project, including the latest iteration.

2. CPUC Staff looks forward to CAISO's future evaluation of project refinements and related cost estimates.

CAISO indicated it intends to continue working with project sponsors on refinements to project components and costs.² CPUC Staff looks forward to receiving the refinements of project components and costs and CAISO's evaluation of those refinements.

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¹ CAISO, "AV Clearview Phase I Transmission Project - New Alternative Evaluation," Aug. 2, 2013. CAISO discussed this Powerpoint with stakeholders during an August 6, 2013 conference call.

² CAISO, "AV Clearview Phase I Transmission Project – New Alternative Evaluation" Powerpoint, slide 10, Aug. 6, 2013.