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Mr. Stephen Berberich
President, California Independent System Operator
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Dear Mr. Berberich:

I am writing in support of the AV Clearview Transmission project, a proposed CAISO grid upgrade that would be located in State Assembly District 36.

This proposed policy-driven grid upgrade is important to the major stakeholders in my District, including the Kern County Board of Supervisors, Edwards Air Force Base, and the City of Lancaster. This support is in sharp contrast to the strong opposition to transmission development that is typical of both local elected officials and adjacent military installations.

In particular, the support of Edwards Air Force Base for reasons of both energy security and the federal policy of Department of Defense renewable generation is particularly important to the 36th District. Edwards AFB is the nation's Flight Test Center as well as the major economic engine of the Antelope Valley. All else being equal, given a choice between competing transmission projects in the region, it makes sense to choose the one that is most beneficial to Edwards.

By being capable of coming on-line earlier, the AV Clearview Project provides deliverability to local renewable generators at least two years before the Edison Project with a substantially lower impact to environmentally sensitive habitat and species.

I understand from the information I have received that "all else" is not equal between the AV Clearview Project and the competing Edison alternative. My understanding is that the cost estimate of the Edison alternative is several years old and not indicative of the level of costs that Edison is incurring on its other transmission projects. As such, the public-private partnership sponsoring the project tells me that the AV Clearview Project will likely cost less than the expected cost of Edison project.

The summary of benefits produced by the AV Clearview project engineers indicate that it enables over three times the amount of renewable generation to be interconnected to the grid. AV Clearview can provide hundreds of millions of dollars of economic benefit to CAISO



ratepayers through congestion relief, Resource Adequacy savings and forgone costs associated with additional transmission that will be needed as our energy demands grow with our economy.

With all these advantages, it seems that the AV Clearview Project is the obvious choice for inclusion in the current CAISO Statewide Plan as the preferred transmission solution.

I appreciate the hard work that CAISO staff has undertaken already to enable the comparative evaluation of this solution and remain compliant to their changing tariff. I look forward to supporting the CAISO however I can to ensure the selection of the best solution to the critical transmission needs in our western Mojave region.

Sincerely,



Steve Fox

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