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Bob Foster, Chair
California Independent System Operator
250 Outcropping Way
Folsom, CA 95630

Re: AV Clearview Transmission Project

Dear Mr. Foster:

On behalf of the State Building and Construction Trades Council of California, I am writing to support the Clearview Transmission Project and to ask the CAISO to carefully consider the new proposal submitted by Critical Path on February 25, 2013 for that project.

The Clearview Transmission Project would provide badly needed jobs in the high desert area and has broad community support. California needs infrastructure-related jobs built by qualified, experienced union members sooner rather than later. The AV Clearview project can provide these critical jobs. The jobs associated with AV Clearview will have a ripple effect in the energy industry as solar developers will have certainty in the ability to interconnect renewable generation in a region (the western Mojave Desert) favored by many in the environmental community.

The March 13, 2013 Memorandum to the ISO Board of Governors from Ken Casey, Vice President, Market & Infrastructure Development makes certain recommendations for the ISO 2012/2013 Transmission Plan. That Memorandum reports that the ISO studied this project as an alternative to the SCE Coolwater-Lugo project, and found that the additional costs of the Clearview project outweighed its benefits because the additional renewable generation that would be supported by the Clearview project were "unclear given there is no state policy direction to support higher levels of renewable development in this area." (Memo, page 12.)

In response to this conclusion, on February 25, Critical Path provided a revised project proposal. We ask the ISO to carefully consider this new information and, in light of the project's economic and job benefits, take the necessary steps to keep this project alive as a viable alternative.

We appreciate your careful consideration of this project and appreciate the ISO taking the appropriate steps to keep this project moving forward.

Sincerely,



Robbie Hunter
President

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