

September 8, 2014

Chair Robert Foster
Governor Ashutosh Bhagwat
Governor Angelina Galiteva
Governor Richard Maullin
Governor David Olsen

RE: San Francisco Peninsula Extreme Event Reliability Standard

Dear Chair Foster and Governors Bhagwat, Galiteva, Maullin, and Olsen:

As elected officials with a responsibility to ensure the health, well-being and economic vitality of the City of San Francisco, and its citizens, we commend the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) for conducting a thorough review of the electric reliability parameters and standards of the transmission system and its ability to provide safe and reliable service to the more than one million residents that live and work on the San Francisco Peninsula.

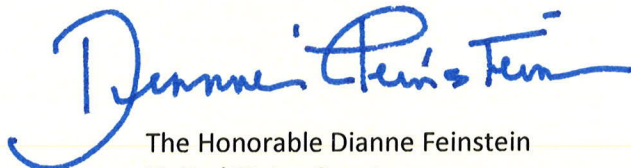
We understand that the CAISO will be making a decision in mid-September regarding what is known as the San Francisco Peninsula Extreme Event Reliability Standard. The CAISO has rightly acknowledged that, due to geography, demographics, economic importance, and the potential for high consequence long duration events, the North American Electric Reliability Council planning standards should be modified with respect to the development of extreme event mitigation requirements for the San Francisco Peninsula.

We therefore support the proposed standard that is currently out for comment and encourage you to approve it at your September 18-19 meeting. We look forward to CAISO moving forward to the planning phase for extreme events where alternatives that improve San Francisco's reliability may be considered.

Sincerely,



Edwin M. Lee
Mayor



The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate

cc: Steve Berberich, President and CEO, CAISO