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California ISO Board of Governors  
Western Energy Markets Governing Body  
*Via email*

RE: WEIM Assistance Energy Transfer (AET) Extension Initiative – Support

Avangrid appreciates the work done by CAISO staff to provide guidance on AET design in advance of the December 2025 sunset date. Avangrid joined the WEIM as a generation only balancing authority in April 2023 and has found the AET aspect of the WEIM useful because it provides participants who fail the resource sufficiency evaluation the ability to continue to transact and not perpetuate reliability problems that can be solved, while incentivizing resource self-sufficiency. The AET program supports WEIM participants by beneficially leveraging the supply diversity brought by WEIM resources.

Avangrid supports both aspects of the proposal: the removal of the sunset date and crediting against the AET surcharge due to actions from a Reliability Coordinator. While not feasible prior to current sunset date, Avangrid would also like CAISO staff to continue to “explore a more robust assistance energy solution that is priced through the market” as outlined during the workshops. Instead of having the AET surcharge based on a fixed price, a surcharge that is more reflective of market prices during the usage period would be a more efficient approach. Staff should consider committing to a broader AET reform initiative in 2026 after EDAM launch to refine this useful market component.

Sincerely,

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