

**Comments of Boston Energy Trading and Marketing on
CAISO 2016/2017 Transmission Planning Process September 21/22 Meeting**

Boston Energy Trading and Marketing (“Boston Energy”) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the 2016/2017 transmission plan material presented at the September 21/22 stakeholder meeting.

PG&E Capital Maintenance Projects Approved in the 2014/2015 Transmission Plan

The 2014/2015 transmission plan discussed 115 kV cable upgrades associated with SF Peninsula extreme events reliability assessment. The ISO characterized the 115kV cable upgrade as capital maintenance work to be conducted by PG&E. Given the transmission elements are part of the ISO-controlled transmission system, Boston Energy request the ISO include narrative in the plan regarding the status of these projects. At a minimum the CAISO should provide market participants with an estimated in-service date for these upgrades.

Greater Transparency on the Status of Approved Transmission Projects

Transparency around the status of transmission projects approved by the ISO as part of the transmission planning process is inadequate and needs to be improved as part of the 2016/2017 transmission planning process. Compared to other ISOs, the CAISO’s current process of providing a one-time project in-service date update at the end of each annual transmission plan significantly lacks transparency. Boston Energy requests the CAISO provide all market participants with periodic updates , no longer than quarterly, on the status and projected in-service dates of all projects approved by the ISO as part of the annual transmission planning process.

If you have any questions please let me know.

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