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Mr. Stephen Berberich President and CEO California ISO PO Box 639014 Folsom, CA 95763-9014

Dear Mr. Berberich:

On behalf of the California- Nevada Conference of Operating Engineers I am writing to request that the CAISO approve the inclusion of the AV Clearview Transmission Project into the CAISO 2012-2013 Transmission Planning process. This project is being developed by the High Desert Power Authority, a Joint Powers Authority partnership between the Cities of Pittsburg and Lancaster municipal utilities with support from Kern County and Edwards Air Force base.

This project will upgrade transmission capabilities in the western Mojave and Kern County areas to integrate existing wind and solar generation as well as to carry the anticipated energy increase as these renewable resources continue to increase in this region.

We are of course interested in the jobs that this project will generate but just as importantly the increase in clean, renewable energy this project will support will help power the regions' economic growth and the jobs that growth will bring

Sincerely,

Tim Cremins

Director