



December 17, 2013

Board of Governors
California Independent System Operator
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Dear Chairman Foster and Board of Governors:

The American Wind Energy Association (AWEA) wishes to express support for the California Independent System Operator's (ISO) Energy Imbalance Market (EIM) transitional committee charter and associated governance proposal. We are encouraged by the engagement from regional organizations to develop a meaningful decision making process for the western EIM and look forward to working with the Transitional Committee as EIM moves into testing and operations.

The wind industry believes that the EIM offers the region an opportunity for optimized, real time dispatch of diverse resources across the west, increased visibility into system functions, and improved grid reliability. The ISO's governance proposal and charter offers a reasonable approach to the development of a Transitional Committee through the sector nomination and ranking process and recognizes the need to include a geographically diverse set of regional stakeholders in the decision making process.

AWEA supports the Board's decision to approve the EIM transitional committee charter and looks forward to remaining engaged throughout the process.

Sincerely,

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