



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
NEVADA STATE OFFICE OF ENERGY**

September 7, 2012

Board of Governors
California Independent System Operator
250 Outcropping Way
Folsom, CA 95630

Re: CAISO participation by Valley Electric Association

Dear Board of Governors,

The Nevada State Office of Energy is pleased to offer our support for Valley Electric Association's (VEA) inclusion into the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) system. We compliment the initiative taken by VEA and the CAISO in finding value and efficiency for its customers and increasing the opportunity for Nevada's renewable energy generators to play an important role in the California market.

As one of the member-owned electric cooperatives in the State of Nevada, VEA has been very proactive in sustainable development and energy efficiency programs. Their service location offers great opportunities to capture the solar and geothermal resources that exist on both sides of the border. The Office of Energy applauds this action and considers this step an encouraging sign of the growing support and cooperation between our two states.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stacey Crowley".

Stacey Crowley, AIA, LEED AP
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