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Valley Electric Association, Inc. Comments on 2016 – 2017 Draft Transmission Plan

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Valley Electric Association, Inc. (VEA) appreciates the opportunity to provide these brief comments on the CAISO's 2016 – 2017 draft transmission plan (Draft Plan). VEA's high voltage transmission system partner, GridLiance, submitted detailed comments in response to the CAISO's Draft Plan.

VEA is also very interested in having the CAISO provide further study of, information regarding, and can facilitate the resolution of anticipated congestion on the Bob Substation (Bob SS) to Mead constraint.

This expected constraint reflected the largest congestion impact measured in the CAISO's Draft Study. It has the possibility of impacting the cost of service to VEA customers and the delivery of VEA-area renewable generation interconnecting at or through Eldorado. Separately, the level of congestion warrants being addressed, by the CAISO or by the region, as described in detail in GridLiance's comments. VEA requests that the CAISO provide more detailed information about the nature of its findings in its final plan and that the CAISO develop by its final plan a process for coordinating with the other relevant balancing authority area if the CAISO continues to believe that resolution of the congestion would warrant cooperation of adjacent areas.

VEA appreciates the CAISO's further efforts on this new, but important, constraint.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.