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Memorandum

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Subject: PUENTE POWER PROJECT— CAISO BOARD OF GOVERNORS

On May 1, 2017, the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) Board of Governors (Board) comprised of Margaret Miller, Mike McGuffin and Steve Greenleaf conducted their monthly meeting.

During the *General Public Comment* period of the meeting, the following statements were made related to the Puente Power Plant (as reported in the latest edition of *CES/Market IQ*):

“The Center for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Technologies (CEERT) and City of Oxnard, California (Oxnard), made public comment that applauded the CAISO’s varied renewable integration and technology studies, the Slow Response Local Capacity Resource Assessment special study, and the Risk of Early Economic Retirement of Gas Fleet special study. In addition, CEERT and Oxnard encouraged efforts to replace conventional resources with preferred resources in providing local resource adequacy capacity. Finally, CEERT and Oxnard stated that the proposed Puente Power Project gas resource should not be counted on to provide local capacity in the Moorpark sub-area of the LA Basin and that the CAISO should instead rely on a specific non-gas resource alternative and that the CAISO should study that alternative in the 2017-2018 Transmission Planning Process.

- CAISO management responded that it will have to its direction from the California Energy Commission (CEC) since the application for the alternative resource is pending before the CEC, and that the CAISO will, as always, collaborate with the CEC and the California Public Utilities Commission.
- Certain CAISO Board members supported analyzing the viability of non-gas resources as the state continues to move forward with the development of renewable resources. In response, management stated that it would reach out the CEC in order to convey the Board’s discussion and coordinate on this matter.”

The CEERT/City of Oxnard discussion can be reviewed via CAISO’s recorded tape conversation system, available here: <http://www.caiso.com/informed/Pages/BoardCommittees/Default.aspx> -- beginning approximately 28:45 minutes into the recorded meeting.

Energy Commission Staff felt the Committee should be aware of the above development at the Board meeting, and will keep the Committee apprised of any new developments that arise as a result of CEERT or the City of Oxnard’s comments.