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Additional submitted attachment is included below.



California Wind Energy Association

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RE: Docket No. 15-RETI-02 -- Comments of the California Wind Energy Association following the June 9, 2016, Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative 2.0 Technical Input Group Meeting

The California Wind Energy Association (“CalWEA”) offers the following brief comments in connection with the June 9, 2016, Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative 2.0 (“RETI 2.0”) Technical Input Group Meeting. In summary: CalWEA encourages the RETI 2.0 effort to fashion the final RETI 2.0 product so that it dovetails efficiently and productively with ongoing transmission and resource-planning processes at the CPUC.

To date, the RETI 2.0 process has produced or been presented with a large volume of information and data. For that material to be useful within existing processes – processes that have been under development for several years – it must be pared down and tailored so that it can be easily fed into those processes. For use in the 2016 LTPP process and subsequent CAISO transmission planning process, the CPUC’s Energy Division selected just four RPS portfolios in addition to a default scenario,¹ pared down from seven that were considered. To be most efficient and effective in relation to these ongoing proceedings, CalWEA recommends that the RETI 2.0 process seek to produce a single, specific 2030 RPS portfolio, or a few portfolios from which the CPUC may choose one that is most complementary, for the CPUC’s Energy Division to use in developing its RPS portfolios.

As Energy Division explained at an earlier point in the RPS scenario process:

“Because needs assessment studies have the potential to justify large financial investments in transmission, a ‘least regrets’ approach was adopted to ensure that

¹ See “Final 2016 RPS Portfolios,” 5/19/2016 (available at http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/RPS_Calculator/).

identified needs were common to a range of plausible futures. CAISO's tariff specifies that it will examine a baseline scenario and one or more stress scenarios for the purpose of determining transmission needed to fulfill policy goals.²

Thus, it would be most useful and efficient to these existing processes if the RETI 2.0 process could produce a single "plausible future" for the CPUC to use along with the CPUC' other plausible futures in generating a least-regrets transmission plan. If the RETI 2.0 process, instead, were to transmit a large volume of unwieldy information, it will be very difficult (if not impossible) to translate it into existing processes and could potentially result in process delays. CalWEA encourages discussion with Energy Division to determine how the RETI 2.0 information can be most usefully presented for use in the RPS scenario development process for 2017.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Rader".

Nancy Rader
Executive Director

² See ALJ Ruling (1) Issuing an Energy Division Staff Paper on Incorporating Land Use and Environmental Information into the RPS Calculator and Developing and Selecting RPS Calculator Portfolios; (2) Entering the Staff Paper into the Record, and (3) Setting a Comment Schedule (8-28-15), Attachment A at p. 32/41. Footnotes omitted.
