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Re: Comments On RETI 2.0 Transmission Technical Input Group Meeting On July 29, 2016

RETI 2.0 Transmission Technical Input Group:

TransCanyon, LLC (“TransCanyon”) appreciates and supports the ongoing effort of the RETI 2.0 Transmission Technical Input Group (“TTIG”). We understand that the current work scope does not include any new study effort and that reliance on existing cluster studies, TPP studies, and other California Transmission Planning entities existing studies and plans is necessary. TransCanyon generally supports the methodology and initial recommendation for conceptual transmission projects that may enable the development of the renewable resources in the Transmission Access Focus Areas (“TAFAs”) in the quantities that the Plenary group requested the TTIG to study. TransCanyon would like to make two suggestions:

1. While the results show conceptual projects that enable the requested amounts of resources in the Victorville and Riverside areas, and that imports at Palo Verde/Delaney or Eldorado/Mead/Marketplace would have similar impacts as resources developed in these areas, it is not clear what conceptual projects may be necessary to enable the resources to be developed within the TAFAs and enable imports of up to 6000 MWs combined. TransCanyon encourages further investigation into what may be necessary to facilitate development of California in-state and out of state renewable resources.
2. TransCanyon also encourages the California ISO to utilize the results of the RETI 2.0 TTIG analysis as it performs its 50% Special Studies during the latter part of the 2016-2017 Transmission Planning Cycle. Conceptual solutions from the RETI 2.0 TTIG effort could be tested as potential projects to help meet the 50% RPS goal, with the RPS calculator being used to develop the portfolios for the study.

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TransCanyon appreciates the opportunity to submit these comments and looks forward to continued participation and engagement in this effort.

Sincerely,

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