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Comments to the California Energy Commission

RE: Regional Grid Operator and Governance
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The Wyoming Public Service Commission appreciates the opportunity to comment on the California ISO's Proposed Principles for Governance of a Regional ISO. The proposal is a good first step that invites discussion about a variety of issues, most of which can be resolved in the coming months. We do have one fundamental concern, however, that must be addressed before Wyoming can responsibly consider participation in a regional ISO.

CAISO depends on California statutes for its authority and powers. Unless that changes, the result of this endeavor will be an expansion of CAISO into the west rather than a transformation of CAISO into an independent regional ISO. The distinction is evident in the Proposal's California-centric approach to the Transition Committee, Initial Board, and Body of State Regulators.

The decisions made this summer regarding governance may determine the fate of a regional ISO. We believe that no single state should have more or less control than other states in the footprint. The first step toward a truly independent regional ISO is to repeal the statutes that control the California ISO. Only then can we move forward to the next step.

We are hopeful that these concerns will be taken into account so the potential for establishing a regional ISO structured and governed so as to benefit all states within the region is increased.