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## **Comments on the CAISO's Regionalization Governance Principles**

Additional submitted attachment is included below.

## COMMENTS ON THE CAISO'S REGIONALIZATION GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLES JOINT SUBMITTAL BY CALIFORNIA'S LARGE ELECTRICITY CUSTOMERS

The undersigned organizations appreciate the efforts that the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) is undertaking with respect to the potential formation of a regional transmission grid. As representatives of the largest electricity users in California and customers of the CAISO, regionalization, market rules and future structure and costs for the independent system operator are of paramount importance to our statewide economy and our Members. We represent large commercial, industrial, retail, agricultural, and water and conveyance consumers of electricity and CAISO transmission service. While we support the concept of a *Transitional Committee* to develop the details of the regional governance plan, we note the oversight of including a representative of large customers from the list of the stakeholders suggested to be part of the *Transitional Committee*.

There cannot be an accurate representation of stakeholders without representation for our economy by these customers – those individuals, groups and key economic sectors that are actually paying for the services provided by the regional ISO. While the parties listed below are likely to raise additional issues/suggestions with regard to the CAISO's July 15, 2016 Principals for Governance of a Regional ISO, we wanted to jointly share with you the critically important requirement that the *Transitional Committee* include an additional member who is a representative of large end-users/ customers – a representative who is separate from the undefined "State-sanctioned Ratepayer Advocate".

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