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RE: Docket No. 07-OIR-1, Transmission Corridor Designation Workshop/  
Comments of the California Farm Bureau Federation on the Staff-  
Proposed Regulations for an Electric Transmission Corridor Designation  
Process Under SB 1059 – July 24, 2007 Version

Dear Committee Members:

In conjunction with the workshop scheduled for August 14, 2007, regarding revisions to the Draft Staff-Proposed Regulations for an Electric Transmission Corridor Designation Process Under SB 1059 (“Draft Regulations”), the California Farm Bureau Federation (“Farm Bureau”) submits these comments as a follow-up to its June 27 comments. These comments do not reflect new concerns, but are offered to provide more detail on an issue previously addressed. Farm Bureau very much appreciates the time staff has taken to discuss the concerns raised in our June 27 comments and review how appropriate changes might be made to address those concerns. There remains one issue, which we have committed to providing suggested language to address, to clarify the concern raised about the existing provision.

At Appendix A, subsection (d), the issue of information required to address Corridor Alternatives is outlined. The purpose for requiring identification of alternatives corridors appears to ensure that there is complete information about the rationale for the selected proposed corridor. However, our concern is that the discussion of alternatives may precipitate a recommended change in the proposed corridor, thereby affecting parties not previously aware of the application. We recommend adoption of language in the regulations that would ensure that any change in the proposed corridor, such as might be precipitated by a discussion of alternatives, provide newly affected parties of a fair opportunity to participate in the corridor process. To address these concerns it may be best to add language at section 2404(d) to have the section read as follows:

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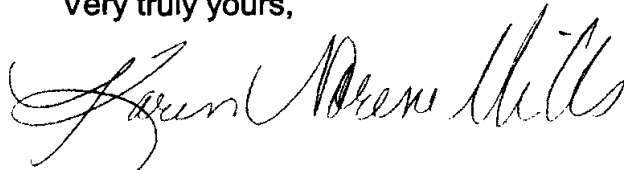
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*"If the commission determines that the application is incomplete, it shall specify in writing the deficiencies based on section 2402 and the application shall not be accepted. If at any time during consideration of the corridor the property to be included in the corridor is expanded, then the application shall be deemed incomplete."*

Characterizing the application as incomplete will trigger requirements for additional information necessary for a thorough consideration of the changed corridor. Such characterization would also then require that once the application is complete, appropriate notices are provided to interested parties.

The Farm Bureau appreciates the continued efforts of the Commission staff to assure the regulations are clear and well balanced. Farm Bureau looks forward to remaining engaged in this process.

Very truly yours,

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Attached as a PDF file are the Comments of the California Farm Bureau Federation on the Staff-Proposed Regulations for an Electric Transmission Corridor Designation Process Under SB 1059 - July 24 Version.

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