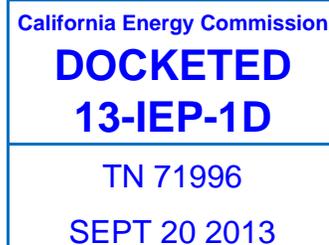


September 20, 2013

Californian Energy Commission
Dockets Office, MS-4
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, California 95814



Re: Docket No. 13-IEP-1D – Electricity Infrastructure Issues

Dear Commissioners:

This letter is to provide comments on the Preliminary Reliability Plan for the Los Angeles Basin and San Diego. Inland Action is a non-profit organization of business and community leaders dedicated to the economic and community betterment of the Southern California region. Based upon review of the Preliminary Plan and testimony at the September 9, 2013, hearing, it is suggested that the Commission convene additional meetings with stakeholders to continue examination of the very complex and important issues of electrical supply and reliability for Southern California. Further collaboration and analysis with critical stakeholders will certainly lead to better understanding and decision-making relative to this important issue.

Inland Action concurs with the statement in the Plan that the closure of San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station and impacts of the Once Through Cooling regulations “creates unprecedented challenges for maintaining reliable electric service to consumers in the southern region of California.” The unprecedented shortage of electricity and voltage support are truly critical to the economy of Southern California and the quality of life for all Southern California residents. Consequently, adoption of the Plan requires not only detailed analysis but broad involvement of all segments of our communities, particularly the private business sector that depends on a reliable and cost effective electrical supply.

The need for a dependable supply of electricity cannot be overstated. As indicated in the Preliminary Reliability Plan, the goal of providing a reliable, cost effective energy supply must involve the use of solar photovoltaic systems, wind energy, battery storage, and energy conservation, but only to the extent that it is both viable and affordable. Inland Action is concerned with the apparent reliance in the Preliminary Reliability Plan which calls for about 50 percent of the electrical need being met through these sources. Conventional generation must be a significant part of the Plan to ensure reliable and affordable options through the period of transition to increased reliance on preferred sources.

While it is recognized that much effort has already gone into development of the Preliminary Reliability Plan, Inland Action urges the Commission to further engage with stakeholders to allow for additional analysis related not only to the requirement for proportional use of preferred sources, but also of achievable and cost effective goals, growth in population, conversion to clean technology as a means for achieving clean air standards, and State and national socio-economic impacts related to Southern California’s international ports and role as a center for the goods movement industry. All of these complex issues may result in the demand for substantial increases in California’s electrical supply, which must be fully analyzed prior to adoption of the Plan.

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Working together, we believe that a viable plan to meet mutual goals of reliable electrical supply, economic viability, and maximum use of preferred resources can be achieved. We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the adoption of the Preliminary Reliability Plan and will continue to monitor your progress in addressing the extremely complex and difficult challenge before you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deborah Robinson Barmack". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Deborah Barmack, President
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