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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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**Re: Western EIM Regional Issues Forum – California ISO Participating Transmission Owner Sector
Statement of Interest in Serving as a Sector Liaison**

Dear Stacey:

Enclosed please find my statement of interest in serving as a sector liaison to the Western Energy Imbalance Market ("EIM") Regional Issues Forum on behalf of the California ISO Participating Transmission Owner sector. I have also included my resume.

Kindly contact me should you have any questions regard the enclosed materials or if there is any additional information that I can provide.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

Thompson Coburn LLP

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret E. McNaul".

By
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Partner

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Enclosures

cc: Matt Lecar, Principal, FERC & ISO Relations, Pacific Gas and Electric Co., melj@pge.com

**Western Energy Imbalance Market Regional Issues Forum
California ISO Participating Transmission Owner Sector**

Meg McNaul – Statement of Interest, Sector Liaison

I would like to express my interest in being considered for nomination by the California ISO Participating Transmission Owner sector for service on the Western Energy Imbalance Market (“EIM”) Regional Issues Forum.

By way of background, I am an attorney in the Washington, D.C. office of the Thompson Coburn LLP law firm. I have been with Thompson Coburn since graduating from law school in 2003, first as an associate and then joining the partnership in 2012. I currently serve as the Chair of the firm’s eleven-member Energy practice.

I have represented the Cities of Anaheim, Azusa, Banning, Colton, Pasadena, and Riverside, California (the “Six Cities”) in proceedings before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”) for more than eighteen years. During that time, I have worked with the Six Cities, both individually and as a group, on a wide range of legal and regulatory policy matters, including issues and proceedings related to their status as Participating Transmission Owners, load-serving entities, and market participants in the California ISO. Much of my practice, particularly within the past ten years, has focused on energy market design and transmission policy topics within the California ISO and at the FERC, including issues related to resource adequacy and energy and capacity procurement; transmission rates, rate design, and cost recovery; energy market rules and participation; distributed energy resources; storage integration; resource interconnection; transmission system access and usage; and regional expansion, including issues relating to the Western Energy Imbalance Market. I have participated on behalf of the Six Cities in FERC regulatory proceedings and/or in California ISO stakeholder initiatives relating to all of these topics. Beyond these policy matters, my work also entails providing legal advice regarding energy-related commercial issues and regulatory compliance.

Through my experience working with the Six Cities, I have a solid understanding of the challenges faced by municipal utilities in California that are operating within the California ISO. These challenges are numerous and complex. At the same time, in my role as a regulatory attorney, I often work with other types of industry participants and across sectors, forming coalitions with other entities to reach consensus positions and, where issues are disputed, to understand parties’ positions in an effort to reach negotiated agreements or settlements.

As the California ISO evolves and as current policies and rules are modified to accommodate utilities from elsewhere in the West, I look forward to engaging in dialogue with other regional participants to help inform and develop solutions that are workable for a broad and diverse range of interests. The Regional Issues Forum provides a venue for this type of productive discussion. In light of the difficult and technically challenging issues that California ISO and Western EIM stakeholders are currently confronting, having a forum in which parties may share perspectives and meaningfully evaluate and discuss potential outcomes is essential.

I would welcome the chance to serve as a sector liaison to the Regional Issues Forum on behalf of the California ISO Participating Transmission Owners, and, if appointed to that role, I will work hard with other Forum participants to facilitate robust discussions of issues among stakeholders and to look for opportunities to facilitate consensus.

Thank you for considering me for this role.



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PRACTICES

- Energy

EDUCATION

- Washington University School of Law, J.D., 2003
- American University, B.A., 2000

ADMISSIONS

- California
- District of Columbia
- California USDC, Eastern District
- US Ct Appeals, 9th Circuit (AZ, CA, HI, ID, MT, NV, OR, WA, Guam, M. Isles)
- US Ct Appeals, DC Circuit

AFFILIATIONS

- American Public Power Association
- California Municipal Utilities Association
- Energy Bar Association

EMPLOYMENT

- Thompson Coburn LLP Partner, 2012-Present Associate, 2003-2011 Summer Associate, 2001 & 2002

Meg serves as an advisor and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) counsel to municipally-owned utilities around the country.

Meg counsels her clients on a broad range of regulatory and commercial issues having a connection to the energy sector. Focusing her practice on energy market policy and design and on transmission access and rates, Meg is active in policy development matters arising from the California Independent System Operator's wholesale market rules and works with her clients to understand and shape outcomes as the California markets expand to include participants from other states in the West. In connection with this work, Meg has represented her clients in complex stakeholder initiatives at the California ISO and in proceedings before the FERC.

With experience in transmission rates, rate design, and access, Meg advises her clients regarding transmission and interconnection policies and requirements, and she works with her municipal utility clients to evaluate and resolve issues relating to transmission rates and access. Meg also actively follows emerging developments related to distributed energy resources, the changing resource mix, and integration of energy storage.

In addition to her work on markets and transmission, Meg maintains an active compliance practice relating to federally-mandated electric reliability standards and with respect to matters involving compliance with other aspects of the Federal Power Act and the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978.

In addition to her work with utility clients, Meg works closely with firm clients that are large power consumers. She provides advice concerning transactions involving long-term power purchase arrangements and assists with reviews of power supply arrangements.