



April 29, 2014

Chairman Robert Foster
California Independent System Operator
250 Outcropping Way
Folsom, CA 25630

RE: Support for EIM Transitional Committee Nominee Carl Zichella

Dear Chairman Foster:

I am writing on behalf of the Large Scale Solar Association (LSA) to support the nomination of Carl Zichella for the Energy Imbalance Market Transitional Committee. LSA is a non-partisan, solar advocacy association whose purpose is to support market penetration of utility scale solar technologies.

LSA members have had the opportunity to work with Mr. Zichella in a number of renewable energy and transmission development roles. He has worked directly with project sponsors, regulators, utilities and transmission planners both within California and across the West. Mr. Zichella has been a voice for collective approaches to problems, emphasizing working with developers to find solutions to and avoid environmental resource conflicts. He is a major supporter of the EIM as a strategy to encourage more efficient and effective coordination of the grid.

Carl is one of the most experienced public interest advocates working in the transmission field today. He has worked with many of our members on California's pioneering Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative; served on the Western Governors Association's Western Renewable Energy Zone process; is a member of the Transmission Planning and Policy Committee of the Western Electricity Coordinating Council; and was recently appointed to the Department of Energy's Electricity Advisory Committee by Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz, where he serves as vice chair of the Power Delivery subcommittee.

Carl's professional career in public interest environmental work, his understanding of renewable energy and transmission development challenges and his commitment to the EIM make him an excellent candidate for the transitional committee and we recommend his appointment.

Thank you for considering our input.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shannon Eddy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Shannon Eddy
Executive Director