



City of Arts & Innovation

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Robert Foster  
Chairman  
California Independent System Operator  
250 Outcropping Way  
Folsom, CA 95630

**RE: NOMINATION FOR EIM TRANSITIONAL COMMITTEE – CHARLES A. (TONY) BRAUN**

Dear Chairman Foster:

I am pleased to support the nomination of Tony Braun to serve on the proposed Transitional Committee to advise the CAISO Board of Governors on certain matters associated with the Energy Imbalance Market (EIM). I have known Tony for more than 20 years in various capacities during my career in Northern California (Cities of Palo Alto and Alameda) and Southern California (City of Riverside). Riverside Public Utilities (RPU) is the municipal electric and water utility of the City of Riverside.

To be an effective member of this technical committee the candidate should possess both of the following qualities:

1. A broad and deep understanding of Western US energy market structures, tariffs and business rules
2. A track record of working with varied interests across the state

I believe Tony is uniquely situated to be the most effective voice of public power on this committee because he is technically qualified and has an impressive record of working with and representing a multitude of municipal utility interests.

Lastly, Tony is very creative and is a negotiator whose style I would call effective and reasonable. The combination of his creativity and reasonableness would serve you, our state, the electric markets and the public power community very well as the committee develops its proposals.

Please call me at (951) 826-8912 if you have any questions or if I can offer you any assistance.

Thank you,

Girish Balachandran  
General Manager  
Riverside Public Utilities

cc: Steve Berberich, CAISO CEO