



March 24, 2014

Robert Foster  
Chairman  
California ISO Board of Governors  
250 Outcropping Way  
Folsom, CA 95630

Dear Chairman Foster:

I am writing on behalf of the Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA) to express SEIA's strong support of Jim Baak's nomination to serve on the California ISO (CAISO) Energy Imbalance Market (EIM) Transitional Committee.

SEIA is the national trade association of the United States solar industry. Through advocacy and education, SEIA and its 1,000 member companies work to make solar energy a mainstream and significant energy source by expanding markets, removing market barriers, strengthening the industry, and educating the public on the benefits of solar energy.

Jim currently serves as the Program Director for Grid Integration for The Vote Solar Initiative (Vote Solar) and has worked on large-scale solar integration issues, focusing on regional transmission planning, for the past 5 ½ years. Jim's extensive work in this area—which includes serving on the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) Scenario Planning Steering Group (SPSG) as well as close involvement in numerous proceedings before both the California Public Utilities Commission and Nevada Public Utilities Commission on issues related to transmission and resource planning and variable resource integration—provides him with a unique understanding of issues related to the integration of renewable resources. With over 25 years of experience and expertise in the utility industry, Jim also benefits from an appreciation of the views and requirements of many different stakeholders and an overall skillset which SEIA believes will be critical to the work of the Transitional Committee.

Additionally, Jim has been a vocal advocate in favor of the EIM and its potential for success as he appropriately recognizes the value of such a mechanism in the transition to a cleaner and more efficient electricity grid.

SEIA believes Jim's vision and expertise will be invaluable to the EIM Transitional Committee and we strongly support his nomination. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carrie Cullen Hitt". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Carrie Cullen Hitt  
Senior Vice President, State Affairs  
Solar Energy Industries Association