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Board of Governors
California Independent System Operator Corporation
250 Outcropping Way
Folsom, CA 95630

Re: Tony Braun – Nomination for the EIM Transitional Committee

Dear Board of Governors:

I write to submit the Sacramento Municipal Utility District's (SMUD) support of nominee Mr. Tony Braun to serve on the CAISO's Energy Imbalance Market (EIM) Transitional Committee. I have known Mr. Braun for more than 20 years and am confident that he possesses a combination of experience, knowledge, and skills that would undoubtedly benefit the Transitional Committee and promote a successful EIM.

Mr. Braun has an extensive and successful track record of representing diverse interests within the electric industry through his representation of the California Municipal Utilities Association and power entities throughout California. This work has encompassed a myriad of issues both inside and outside of the CAISO, including wholesale market design and development, regulatory affairs, system operations, reliability, generation, renewable energy policy and integration, and transmission planning. In addition, Mr. Braun truly understands the unique regional issues in the West and also grasps matters of national scope through his coordination efforts with the American Public Power Association and other trade associations.

Mr. Braun has proven leadership skills that reflect political realities and account for differing viewpoints. These attributes will be critical with the Transitional Committee, especially in developing a long-term governance structure that must balance varying local, state, and regional interests.

As the CAISO Board looks to form the Transitional Committee to advise the CAISO Board on EIM start-up matters and long-term governance, SMUD urges the CAISO Board to select Mr. Braun. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Arlen Orchard
General Manager and CEO

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cc: Mr. Stephen Berberich, President and CEO, CAISO

Arlen Orchard, General Manager & Chief Executive Officer

