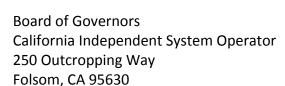
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March 15, 2013



Dear Board of Governors,

I am writing in support of Energy Imbalance Markets (EIM), including the proposal between PacifiCorp and the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) regarding the creation of a real-time energy imbalance market.

The proposal marks a positive step forward in modernizing the Western electric grid and reducing costs to consumers. This sets an excellent example for other utilities to follow as they complete their own cost-benefit analyses and decide to pursue similar options to improve efficiency and reliability of the grid.

Energy imbalance markets have proven to be an effective tool in other parts of the country. For example, the Southwest Power Pool EIM launched in 2007 has far exceeded initial expectations. In its first year, the SPP EIM saw benefits exceeding \$100 million.

In addition to helping reduce costs for customers and improve grid reliability¹, EIMs have the added benefit of providing a great opportunity for the integration of wind, solar and other renewable resources. In an ever-changing energy landscape, it is important to continue improving the grid to allow for greater integration of more renewable resources. This proposal is one such avenue for doing so.

In conclusion, we support all efforts to improve grid efficiency and diversify our energy portfolio with cleaner resources. I encourage the Board of Governors to approve the proposed creation of a real-time energy imbalance market.

Sincerely,

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