

Rahul Kalaskar – AES Corporation Statement of Interest WEIM Regional Issues Forum – Independent Power Producers and Marketers sector liaisons

I am writing to express my interest in the Regional Issues Forum's (RIF) Independent Power Producers and Marketers Liaison role of the Western Energy Imbalance Market (WEIM). I am enthusiastic about contributing my expertise to this critical position.

AES Corporation is a publicly traded, diversified global energy company that indirectly owns electric generation, transmission, and distribution facilities, including approximately 9,613 MW of generating capacity throughout the United States and two traditional utilities. AES Clean Energy, a subsidiary of AES Corporation, is one of the top renewable energy growth platforms in the country and is focused on accelerating the safe, reliable transition to clean energy solutions such as wind, solar, and energy storage in the U.S. Through its affiliates and subsidiaries, AES Clean Energy maintains an operating portfolio of over three gigawatts and a development pipeline of approximately 18 gigawatts.

As the Director of Regulatory Affairs within AES Clean Energy, I oversee the monitoring and advocacy of regulatory policies across various ISOs, RTOs, and FERC including CAISO and the Western Energy Imbalance Markets. My primary focus is advancing the energy transition to a clean grid while continuing to ensure grid reliability through developing and operating clean energy technologies. Before joining AES Clean Energy, my tenure at the California Independent System Operators was marked by significant contributions to the development of the CAISO and WEIM markets. Notably, I played a key role in facilitating the onboarding of numerous utilities into the Western Energy Imbalance Markets (WEIM). Additionally, I actively participated in formulating market design strategies at CAISO specifically tailored for WEIM. My educational background includes a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and a master's in power systems.

The Regional Issues Forum (RIF) provides an important forum for stakeholder discussion of issues and concerns related to the WEIM, and discussion of broader market trends. My interest is to serve as a representative of the Independent Power Producers and Marketers sector in this forum, with the goal of supporting continuous improvement of the WEIM for the benefit of all participants.

Sincerely,

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