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President Michael Peevey and Commissioners
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
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RE: Support of Alignment with New LTPP Structure

Dear Commissioners:

I support the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) goals of ensuring a safe and reliable, and cost-effective electricity supply in California. The two-phase biennial structure for the Long-Term Procurement Plan (LTPP) proceeding, as described in the Order Instituting Rulemaking (OIR) proposed for adoption by the CPUC on December 19, 2013, is the next step in continued long-term planning. The new LTPP structure will align well with the California Energy Commission's (Energy Commission) demand forecast developed through the Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR) proceeding. The resulting alignment will achieve continued improvement in consistency of assumptions and data inputs and will improve coordination of decision timing across the state's energy agencies.

I appreciate the CPUC's invitation for our two agencies to work closely together as a decision-maker rather than as a party. For the Energy Commission's role, I commit to the following:

- Maintain timely decisions with regard to adoption of the demand forecast and IEPR;
- Continue the collaborative effort to further disaggregate the demand forecast as well as the associated additional achievable energy efficiency potential;
- Perform demand forecast updates on even years that includes updated economics and demographics as well as the additional year of historic energy consumption;
- Provide Energy Commission inputs for the RPS calculator and continue collaboration in the annual process for updating assumptions, scenarios, and renewable resource portfolios; and
- Collaborate with the CPUC and California Independent System Operator (CAISO) to make adjustments to the process alignment plan as needed to enhance coordination moving forward.

The success of each of these tasks will rely heavily on the close coordination of the three agencies' staffs and leadership. Further, if unforeseen events occur that force any of the processes at the three agencies out of alignment, I commit to working with the CPUC and CAISO to readjust in the most effective manner.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert B. Weisenmiller".

ROBERT B. WEISENMILLER
Chair

cc: Steve Berberich