

# **COMMUNITIES UNITED FOR SENSIBLE POWER (CUSP)**

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Board of Governors  
California Independent System Operator  
Folsom, CA

Dear Board of Governors:

Communities United for Sensible Power (CUSP) is a grassroots citizen organization that supports the creation of a modern, diverse and economical energy supply for San Diego County. CUSP is composed of communities from the ocean to the desert, including Carmel Valley, Torrey Hills, Rancho Penasquitos, Ramona, Julian/Wynola, Ranchita, Borrego Springs, Canebrake and Ocotillo Wells and is opposed to the San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) proposed county-wide transmission line project.

We respectfully request that you extend the timeline for your vote on this staff report, and on this project, for 30 days to allow adequate time for all of us to study the report. We also respectfully request that you hold your next board meeting on this project in San Diego County, where the project would directly impact communities.

We make these requests in light of the fact that the CAISO staff report was released to the public, on the Internet, only on Friday, July 28, one week ago and only four working days prior to this meeting. The report concludes the project will provide significant economic and reliability benefits to San Diego ratepayers, but we, those very ratepayers have had no time to read and evaluate the report. This doesn't seem right to us.

We are aware there is growing controversy regarding this transmission line project and the claims made on its behalf. We believe that the Board needs to understand the controversy from the ground up. That is why we ask you to visit San Diego and make your determination there about what recommendations you will adopt concerning this project. We also believe that by inviting citizen participation you live up to the best of your core values, which you have outlined on your website: Integrity, Teamwork, Excellence, People-Focused, and Open Communication.

We think that these requests are reasonable and will help to further your own work. We also think it is important for you to have adequate time to review not only the full 70-page staff report, but also the letter we mailed to CAISO early last week, which addresses some of our main issues of concern. The perception that you have not considered our concerns or compared the issues we have raised to the rationales provided in the staff report in support of this project undermines any pretense of an open, participatory CAISO process, which does not bode well for this institution and the people of California you are pledged to serve.

On behalf of thousands of San Diegan ratepayers who cannot be here today and who support this intervention and both requests I am making on their behalf, I am

Sincerely,

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