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California Energy Commission  
California Public Utility Commission  
Neighboring Planning Coordinators  
Transmission Planners within the CAISO's Planning Coordinator Area  
Neighboring Transmission Planners  
Interconnected Balancing Authorities  
Neighboring Transmission Providers

**Subject: Data Request and Invitation to the CAISO 2024-2025 Transmission Planning Process**

Each year, the California ISO (CAISO) conducts its Transmission Planning Process to identify potential system limitations and opportunities for system reinforcement to improve system reliability, efficiency, and to achieve its initiative goals. The core product of the Transmission Planning Process is the CAISO Transmission Plan, which documents all activities identified or conducted during the planning cycle related to infrastructure developments impacting the CAISO Controlled Grid. In general, each planning cycle has three segments:

- (1) Development of the Unified Planning Assumptions and Study Plan;
- (2) Performance of studies and documentation of study results in the Transmission Plan; and
- (3) Solicitation of project sponsors as applicable.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the CAISO is initiating its 2024-2025 Transmission Planning Process and is seeking planning data and information from the Western Planning Regions, Planning Coordinators, and Transmission Planners, among others, that may be important for the CAISO to consider. Specifically, the CAISO is requesting any planning data and information that may not yet be available through the WECC, certain reliability data needed for reliability planning coordination pursuant to NERC TPL-001-5, and other data that you believe the CAISO should consider in its Transmission Planning Process. Such planning data and information may include but not be limited to transmission contingencies and automatic operations on your systems which may impact the CAISO system<sup>1</sup>, outages of major transmission equipment without a spare that has a lead time of one year or more (such as a transformer), long-term transmission plans, long-term resource plans, generation interconnection, demand forecasts, and other information that you believe may assist the CAISO in our coordination efforts. Please provide your information to the CAISO, in a format that is convenient for you, by submitting it to [regionaltransmission@caiso.com](mailto:regionaltransmission@caiso.com) by January 29, 2024.

In closing, the CAISO invites you to participate in its 2024-2025 Transmission Planning Process. The CAISO uses "market notices" through the Daily Briefings on the CAISO website to provide information to stakeholders. In order to receive information relating to CAISO's annual planning activities and stakeholder dates, please subscribe to the Daily Briefing at: <http://www.caiso.com/informed/Pages/Notifications/Subscribe.aspx>.

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<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to NERC TPL 001-5, the CAISO plans to include in its 2024-2025 Transmission Plan a list of contingencies on its system which may impact neighboring systems.

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