



California ISO



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The Honorable Chris Holden
Chair, Assembly Committee on Utilities and Energy
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chair Holden:

We write to provide you with the seventh monthly report on actions our respective organizations are taking ahead of this summer in response to the August 2020 extreme heat wave and rotating outages. The actions summarized below are those the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), California Energy Commission (CEC) and California Independent System Operator (CAISO) have taken since our last monthly report submitted to you on June 10, 2021.

Since our last report, California and the Western states have experienced extreme heat waves, destructive wildfires and severe drought conditions, all of which have collectively threatened energy reliability this summer in the state. In response, the CPUC and CEC recently requested the CAISO leverage its backstop capacity procurement mechanism (CPM) authority for securing additional resources to help meet the anticipated demand during the months of August and September. Our agencies are working towards additional measures to ensure energy reliability for Californians.

We thank you, again, for the opportunity to provide this report. If you or committee staff have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact any of our respective government affairs representatives: Grant Mack (Grant.Mack@cpuc.ca.gov), Anna Ferrera (Anna.Ferrera@energy.ca.gov), or Quentin Foster (QFoster@caiso.com).

Sincerely,

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