



California Wind Energy Association

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The Honorable Cristina Garcia
Chair, Assembly Committee Natural Resources
1020 N Street, Room 164
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Assembly Bill 79 – Support

Dear Assemblymember Garcia:

The California Wind Energy Association (CalWEA) is a 17-year-old trade association representing wind energy companies focused on the California market, including owners and operators of projects located in California. CalWEA urges you to support Assembly Bill 79 (Levine), which would require the California Air Resources Board (CARB), in consultation with the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) to develop a methodology for calculating the hourly greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions associated with electricity from “unspecified” energy sources, including imports, based on actual grid operations.

CalWEA believes that it is important to more carefully track the emissions associated with unspecified energy sources for two reasons. First, the Public Utilities Commission and the Energy Commission will be conducting Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) efforts with which utilities and other load-serving entities (LSEs) must comply. IRP is aimed largely at efficiently achieving the state’s greenhouse gas goals. These efforts will be less effective if the emissions associated with unspecified energy sources are unknown. Second, some LSEs, notably Community Choice Aggregators (CCAs), have formed for the explicit purpose of exceeding the state’s climate change goals. To do so, they will need better information than is currently available for their unspecified energy sources.

For these reasons, we urge you to support AB 79.

Sincerely,

Nancy Rader
Executive Director

cc: The Honorable Marc Levine
Members of the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources