



## California Wind Energy Association

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September 18, 2017

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.  
Governor of California  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Assembly Bill 79 – Greenhouse gas emissions tracking from unspecified electrical sources

Dear Governor Brown:

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 respectfully requests your signature for Assembly Bill 79 (Levine), which would require the California Air Resources Board (CARB), in consultation with the California Independent System Operator to develop a methodology for calculating greenhouse gas emissions associated with electricity from “unspecified” energy sources, including imports from subregions of the Western Electricity Coordinating Council, based on actual grid operations. The bill allows CARB to opt not to implement the law if it finds its requirements to be infeasible or its results to be inconsequential.

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 are 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, many Community Choice Aggregators 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 respectfully encourage you to sign AB 79 into law.

Sincerely,

Nancy Rader  
Executive Director