



California Wind Energy Association

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The Honorable Ben Hueso, Chair
Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee
1021 O Street, Room 3350
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 881 (Min) – SUPPORT

Dear Chairman Hueso,

The California Wind Energy Association writes in strong support of SB 881 (Min), an important bill that would give the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) the tools it needs to ensure that its jurisdictional load-serving entities (LSEs) meet California's SB 32 (2016) goal to reduce economy-wide global warming emissions 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030, and its SB 100 (2018) goal to achieve 100 percent of retail sales of electricity from zero-carbon resources by 2045.

CalWEA is a 22-year-old trade association. Our wind energy industry members are focused on developing wind energy resources within and directly interconnected to California and off the coast of California, as well as capturing the related economic and workforce development benefits for California.

The state's clean electricity and decarbonization goals will be met through the CPUC's Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) process, which identifies the overall long-term resource portfolio that best meets IRP goals, including ensuring the reliability of the electric grid, maintaining affordability, and achieving equity goals. The CPUC's Integrated Resource Plan represents a mix of resources that, together, achieve these goals even though, considered alone, some elements of the plan may come at a higher direct cost than other options. It is important that the CPUC be able to ensure that each individual LSE upholds its respective piece of the plan rather than pursuing what may be in their own individual interest. This bill gives the CPUC that necessary authority and ensures that, if LSEs fail to meet their IRP requirements, the CPUC can assess penalties and authorize another entity to satisfy unmet procurement needs.

For these reasons we request your support of SB 881.

Sincerely,

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