



## California Wind Energy Association

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March 22, 2017

The Honorable Steve Bradford  
California State Senate  
State Capitol, 2062  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Senate Bill 618 – Support

Dear Senator Bradford,

The California Wind Energy Association (CalWEA) is a 17-year-old trade association representing wind energy companies focused on the California market. CalWEA is pleased to support your Senate Bill 618 to clarify that the CPUC has the authority to approve the Integrated Resource Plans (IRPs) of all load serving entities.

CalWEA is of the opinion that current law requires all load-serving entities (LSEs) to submit their IRPs to the CPUC for approval, however providing additional clarification would be helpful to eliminate any ambiguity. California has set ambitious renewable energy and greenhouse-gas-reduction goals. CalWEA believes these goals can be met while maintaining system reliability and affordable electric bills, provided that the CPUC provides planning guidance to each LSE. This guidance should ensure that each LSE is made responsible for the indirect costs that its total resource portfolio imposes on the electric system, rather than shifting those costs to the customers of other LSEs. CalWEA believes that the CPUC's IRP process should accomplish these goals, but this is possible only if its IRP process governs all LSEs, as SB 618 would ensure.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to cost-effective achievement of California's renewable energy goals.

Sincerely,

Nancy Rader  
Executive Director

Cc: Members of the Senate Committee on Energy, Utilities & Communications