

**Response of the California Transmission Planning Group
Study Team**

**Comments of the California Wind Energy Association (CalWEA)
Re CTPG's Draft Phase 3 Results**

Comment Received:

CalWEA appreciates the opportunity to comment on the CTPG Phase 3 report. For this report, our comments will all be on broad level only and will deal with general study approach and on the CTPG stakeholder process. But before we submit our comments, we would like to bring up a couple of procedural concerns to the CTPG's attention.

First, we have noted that the CalWEA comments on the CTPG Phase 2 study report, which was submitted within the prescribed timeline for comments on Phase 2 report, is not yet posted. As those comments are directly and exactly applicable to Phase 3 results as well, we are again sending them to the CTPG by attaching them to these comments.

Second, we believe that in order for us to effectively provide our comments on the CTPG Phase 3 report, there is a need for a CTPG stakeholder meeting where Phase 3 results are formally presented and an opportunity is provided to all stakeholders for Q&A on such results.

As far as our comments on the Phase 3 results are concerned, we would like to note that practically all our comments on the planning process and study methodology of the CTPG Phase 2 study process is also applicable to the Phase 3 study process. We still believe that the broad planning approach and study methodology used by the CTPG are incorrect and fail to address the special needs of this study. We have proposed a proper approach in our Phase 2 comments for correctly performing the needed planning studies and would still request that our proposed approach be considered/adopted by the CTPG. Furthermore, we would like to note that, due to the improper approach used by the CTPG for performing its planning study, the study of the proposed transmission projects by the independent transmission companies could not be properly conducted during the Phase 3 studies either.

Finally, we must note that we are dismayed with the way CTPG has been conducting its stakeholder process recently and especially disappointed that the CTPG stakeholder meeting on Phase 3 report has been postponed beyond the comment period on Phase 3 results. It is important that CTPG re-establish effective interactions with its stakeholders as soon as possible.

CTPG Study Team Response:

CTPG appreciates CalWEA's comments and apologizes for the delayed posting of responses to their comments posted on the Phase 2 Study Report and Phase 3 Study Plan. The CTPG study process continues to benefit from robust stakeholder input and, as such, recognizes that improvements to the tracking process on stakeholder comments to assure prompt responses is needed.

In response to stakeholder input CTPG held a stakeholder meeting on August 4, 2010 to review the Phase 3 Study Results. As a result of this meeting the comment period for the report was lengthened to August 18, 2010 to provide more time for understanding the high and medium potential transmission segments outlined. The response of stakeholders during this extended comment period has been key in improving the quality of the Phase 3 Study Report.