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Re: West-Wide Governance Pathway Initiative

Dear Mr. Linvill and Ms. Gardner:


Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the plans for the West-Wide Governance Pathway Initiative. As Commissioners of the Wyoming Public Service Commission and following internal discussion, we respectfully decline to participate in the West-Wide Governance Pathway Initiative at this time.

We have long recognized that the CAISO remains subject to control by California's legislative and executive branches, precluding establishment of a truly independent governance structure. It appears to us that absent changes to California statutes, this obstacle cannot be overcome.

Once the issue of the statutory barrier is addressed, we will reconsider participating in the Initiative. Prior to our participation, we would expect to see full disclosure of funding sources, a transparent process to establish initial staffing, and evidence of the potential for significant economic benefits to Wyoming ratepayers.

Again, we appreciate the opportunity to comment and the invitation to participate. If you have any questions about Wyoming's position, do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,


Mary A. Throne
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