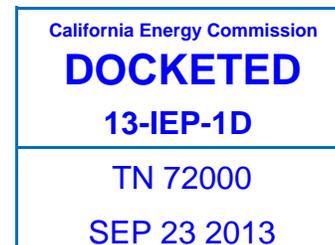




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Eagle Crest Energy, developer of a 1300MW pumped storage project located 30 miles east of Indio would like to submit comments on the Preliminary Plan for Southern California Reliability presented by CPUC, CEC and CAISO staff at the September 9, 2013 IEPR workshop.

We applaud the staff and multi-agency approach to the SONGS outage and OTC issues. We suggest including an analysis of the potential for a 1300MW, 18 hour storage facility to satisfy some of the need for new generation in Southern California in future iterations. Located in the Riverside East renewable energy resource area, the project, coupled with additional transmission between SCE and SDG&E, can supply a significant amount of clean reactive power on demand to Southern California. While the project does not get listed along with new or repowered natural gas generation and synchronous condensers in state siting queues, we expect final FERC licensure within 6 weeks, and operation in 2019-2020.

As overgeneration and flexibility issues come to the forefront, the value of a 1300MW facility that can act as load during periods of renewable overgeneration, can ramp at 10MW/second and can continuously integrate renewables will become apparent. Please contact me if you have any questions.

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