

To: Whom It May Concern

From: Edward Smeloff

Date: July 16, 2025

Re: Statement of Interest for Representing the Public Interest and Consumer Advocates Sector, Western Energy Markets Regional Issues Forum

This correspondence is intended to convey a statement of my interest in being considered to represent the Public Interest and Consumer Advocates sector at the Western Energy Markets Regional Issues Forum.

For the past two and a half years, as a consultant for Grid Lab, I have been working with various environmental and consumer groups providing information and advice about transmission planning and interconnection reform processes for the California Independent System Operator. My consulting work has been with several organizations, including Western Clean Energy Advocates, the Center for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Technologies, the Sierra Club and the California Environmental Justice Alliance (CEJA).

My work history is provided below:

Jan 1987 to June 1997 – Member, Board of Directors, Sacramento Municipal Utility District, Sacramento, California.

July 1997 to June 2001 – Executive Director, Pace Law School Energy Project, White Plains, New York.

July 2001 to October 2004 – Assistant General Manager for Energy, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, San Francisco, California.

November 2004 to July 2007 – Senior Sales Manager for Commercial Solar, Sharp Electronics, Huntington Beach, California

August 2007 – June 2016 – Developer, Utility-Scale Solar Projects, SunPower Corporation, Richmond, CA.

July 2016 – December 2022 – Manager, California Regulatory Activities, Vote Solar, Oakland, California.

January 2023 to present – Consultant on transmission planning, permitting and development processes, GridLab, Berkeley, California