



INTEGRATION OF THE WESTERN GRID

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Recommended Outline of California Legislation Empowering a Western RSO:

The California legislature should direct the current CAISO board, in collaboration with other western states who wish to participate, to oversee a transition to an independent board with wide expertise and a diverse stakeholder advisory board. The following statutory guidance should be provided for the expanded ISO:

- * It must acknowledge and respect the continuing rights of all states involved to oversee and guide resource procurement by their utilities;
- * It must establish transparent accounting for emissions of greenhouse gases and other regulated pollutants for all electricity generation that use its services;
- * The ISO's diverse stakeholder advisory board should include, but not be limited to, members chosen by involved states and representatives of end-use consumers, environmental and environmental justice interests, independent power producers, and labor organizations; and
- * The transition to an independent board would not occur until at least two other states had approved at least one of their utilities' participation in the expanded ISO.