Floor Alert

AB 813 (Holden) – Regionalization

OPPOSE AB 813 – AMENDED ON 8-24-18

AB 813 continues to leave California’s progressive clean energy policies at risk from greater federal intervention. The amendments to the bill do not address the significant consequences for California’s clean energy leadership under a more aggressive Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) under the Trump Administration.

- FERC has shown itself to be both unpredictable and hostile to state support of clean energy resources. In fact, the recent FERC order in Calpine v. PJM Interconnection could not be a clearer warning.

- California’s participation in a Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) increases the legal risk to state policies by allowing additional out-of-state market participants, including utilities and states that may feel disadvantaged by California’s clean energy policies, to request relief from FERC.

- While AB 813 attempts to preserve California policy priorities by prohibiting the creation of an RTO unless its bylaws claim to protect state policies, this directive does nothing to ensure those policies will be ultimately respected by FERC.

Now is not the time to put California energy priorities under increased federal scrutiny nor is there an urgent need to do so.

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