



California Wind Energy Association

April 14, 2026

The Honorable Cottie Petrie-Norris, Chair
Assembly Utilities and Energy Committee
1020 N Street, Room 408A
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 2369 (Rogers) – Support

Dear Chair Petrie-Norris,

On behalf of the California Wind Energy Association (CalWEA), I am writing to convey our strong support for AB 2369. This bill addresses two important barriers to achieving the state’s clean energy and grid-reliability goals cost-effectively: a lack of resources to charge a growing fleet of storage capacity and a lack of transmission capacity to support project development.

CalWEA’s wind energy industry members are focused on operating and developing wind energy resources within and directly interconnected to California, which bring reliability, economic, and workforce development benefits to California.

AB 2369 would promote the development of “energy only” (EO) resources that lack “full capacity deliverability” (FCD) status but can nevertheless support grid reliability by, among other values, charging storage resources during off-peak hours. Currently, a lack of transmission is preventing many projects from achieving FCD status, which is generally required to support project financing. Thus, many projects are failing to advance. Recognizing the value of EO projects will foster the development of resources that can cleanly charge storage while transmission is being developed. Location-constrained resources, like wind and geothermal energy, are particularly hindered by the current lack of FCD transmission and would benefit the most from AB 2369.

To address these issues, AB 2369 directs the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to recognize that EO resources will support grid reliability by charging California’s rapidly expanding energy storage fleet during off-peak hours and by supporting decarbonization and reliability year-round. This recognition will create a market that incentivizes the

development of EO resources while the new transmission required for FCD status is planned and built. To that end, the bill also directs the PUC to seek to move resources from EO to FCD status through resource plans that promote cost-effective transmission capacity expansions. Creating a path for EO resources to achieve FCD status will help to drive timely development of the resources needed to achieve California's reliability and clean energy goals, but which are currently frustrated by long transmission development lead-times.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Rader". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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cc: Vice Chair Joe Patterson
Members of the Committee
