

December 15, 2008

To: Interconnected Balancing Authorities  
Neighboring Transmission Providers  
Planning, Sub-Regional, Regional Entities and Planning Groups  
California Energy Commission  
California Public Utility Commission

**Subject: Data Request and Invitation to the 2010 CAISO Transmission Planning Process**

Each year, the California Independent System Operator (ISO) conducts its Transmission Planning Process to identify potential system limitations and opportunities for system reinforcement to improve system reliability and efficiency. The core product of the Transmission Planning Process is the ISO Transmission Plan, which documents all activities identified or conducted during the planning cycle related to infrastructure development impacting the ISO Controlled Grid. In general, each planning cycle has three segments: (1) development of the Unified Planning Assumptions and Study Plan; (2) performance of studies; and (3) documentation of study results in the Transmission Plan.

Beginning January 1, 2009, the ISO is initiating a new planning process for the 2009 transmission planning cycle (2010 ISO Transmission Plan). In order for the ISO to meet its coordinating obligation, planning information from neighboring and other related entities is needed to assure our Uniform Planning Assumptions are as accurate as possible. You have been identified as an entity that may have important planning information which the ISO will need to assure our planning analysis is as accurate as possible. While the ISO does rely on data available through the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC), the ISO is requesting that you provide any planning data that might not be available through the WECC or other data that you believe the ISO should be aware of and accommodate in our Unified Planning Assumptions. These include, but are not limited to, your long-term transmission plans, long-term resource plans, generation interconnection information, demand forecasts, and other information that would assist in our coordination effort. The ISO appreciated receipt of your planning data by January 15, 2009 via our email mailbox at [regionaltransmission@caiso.com](mailto:regionaltransmission@caiso.com).

In addition, the ISO cordially invites you to participate in its 2010 Transmission Planning Process which involves key public participant activities throughout 2009 and early 2010. In general, the first public meeting to discuss the draft Unified Planning Assumptions and Study Plan will be held in March of 2009. A public meeting that will provide an opportunity for interested parties to discuss technical study results will be held in October after the study results have been posted. A meeting to discuss the draft ISO Transmission Plan will be held in February of 2010. The exact dates of the stakeholder meetings will be announced through the Market Notices. ISO also encourages

interested parties to self-register at <http://caiso.com/1c67/1c678de462d10.html> to subscribe for market notice notifications relating to ISO Regional Planning activities.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me (916.608.5880 or [gdeshazo@caiso.com](mailto:gdeshazo@caiso.com)). We look forward to seeing you and coordinating this important effort.

Sincerely,

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