

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
BEFORE THE  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**California Independent System            )       Docket No. ER12-897-000**  
**Operator Corporation                    )**

**MOTION TO HOLD PROCEEDING IN ABEYANCE OF THE  
CALIFORNIA INDEPENDENT SYSTEM OPERATOR CORPORATION**

The California Independent System Operator Corporation (ISO) respectfully submits this motion to hold this proceeding in abeyance. On March 22, 2012, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) directed the Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), Southern California Edison (SCE), and San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) to negotiate and enter into a resource adequacy contract with Sutter Energy Center in Yuba City. The ISO asks that the Commission hold this proceeding in abeyance for a period of time not to exceed 90 days from the date of this motion. Rule 212 provides that a motion may be filed at any time by a party to a proceeding provided that the party states the facts that support the motion and the specific relief requested.<sup>1</sup> The CPUC's recent action and the facts in this case support holding the instant proceeding in abeyance.

In light of the CPUC's recent action, the ISO anticipates that the CPUC process will now yield a resource adequacy contract for the Sutter Energy Center that will render any further action by the Commission and the ISO unnecessary.

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<sup>1</sup> 18 C.F.R. § 385.212.

If and when the CPUC proceeding results in final approval of a contract that addresses the need for a CPM designation for the Sutter plant, the ISO will submit a filing to withdraw the January 26 petition.

For the reasons explained above, the Commission should grant the ISO's motion to hold this proceeding in abeyance. Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have served the foregoing document upon all of the parties listed on the official service list for the above-referenced proceeding, in accordance with the requirements of Rule 2010 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 C.F.R. § 385.2010).

Dated at Washington, D.C. this 23<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012.

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