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California ISO Audit Results for the 2013 Operational Compliance Audit

Audit Committee Meeting General Session December 18-19, 2013



Agenda

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Background

- An operational audit is performed each year.
- The 2013 audit covered the real-time scheduling function
- Management determined the subject of the assessment
 - The scope/subject varies in most years
 - Outreach to market in February, 2013
 - Audit committee briefed on the scope during May, 2013 meeting
 - PwC determined nature and extent of testing
- Our report is an Audit/Attestation opinion

Overall Findings

- Over 2,000 transactions/data points were audited
- 100% compliance; no exceptions
- An unqualified opinion was issued on December 6, 2013

General Scope of Audit

- Assessment period
 - August 19 25, 2013
 - September 24 28, 2013
- Specific Scope
 - Management Assertion covering identified Procedural Elements
 - Five primary Operating Procedures relate to real-time scheduling
 - All Operating Procedures are available on website
 - Ten specific Procedural Elements were identified from these OPs
 - Objective criteria

General Scope of Audit (continued)

- The ISO's real-time scheduling function
 - Conducted 24x7 at both Alhambra and Folsom control rooms
 - Six control room crews (operating teams) cover control room operations
 - Real-time scheduling actions/functions are hourly, daily and real-time
- Audit covered
 - On site observations (over 60 hours) and data inspections
 - Both Folsom and Alhambra control rooms
 - All clock hours
 - All days in week
 - Five of six shifts

Detailed Scope and Findings

Ref. No.	Real-time Scheduling Operating Procedures	Occurrences During 10- Day Assessment Period	Compliance Assessment
1	Pre-Schedule and Check- Out Validation	10 daily actions; 240 hourly schedule sets; approx 2,600 data points	No Exceptions
2	E-tag Curtailments	Approx 20 occurrences	No Exceptions
3	Check-out Before the Hourly Ramp	240 hours; approx 2,600 data points	No Exceptions
4	Check-out After the Close of Each Hour	240 hours; approx 2,600 data points	No Exceptions
5	Final Daily Schedules and NAI Totals Comparison	10 days; 220 BA checkouts (110 NAI; 110 NSA)	No Exceptions

Detailed Scope and Findings (continued)

Ref. No.	Real-time Scheduling Operating Procedures	Occurrences During 10- Day Assessment Period	Compliance Assessment
6	Manual Pre-Dispatch of Interchange Transactions	Approx 20 dispatches; approx 60 data points	No Exceptions
7	Manual Dispatch Interchange Accounting	Approx 20 dispatches; approx 160 data points	No Exceptions
8	Interchange Schedule Curtailments - Before the Operating Hour	Approx 20 curtailments	No Exceptions
9	Interchange Schedule Curtailments - Current Operating Hour	Zero	No Occurrences
10	Unscheduled Flow – Path 66	Approx 10 mitigations; approx 30 data points	No Exceptions

Overview of Report

Report contents

- PwC unqualified opinion regarding Management's Assertion
- Management's Assertion Summary
 - Attachment I Detail management assertion
 - 100% compliance with 9 elements
 - One element did not occur
 - Attachment II process narrative unaudited

Final thoughts for 2013 Audit

- Report structure and level of assurance similar to prior years
- Subject of audit changed first time for real-time scheduling
- Observations substantially more intrusive this year

Closing

We appreciate ISO staff cooperation

- Big effort several months
- Approximately 15 operators
- Management and supervisors

Questions?