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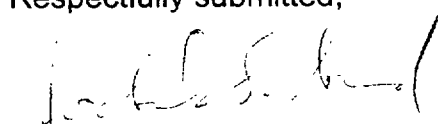
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**Re: California Independent System Operator Corporation  
Docket Nos. ER98-997-000, ER98-1309-000.**

Dear Secretary Boergers:

Enclosed is an original and fourteen copies of the Answer of the California Independent System Operator Corporation to the Cogeneration Association of California and Arco CQC Kiln's Motion for Continuation of Hearing Until April 24, 2001. Two copies have been provided to the Presiding Judge. Also enclosed is an extra copy of the filing to be time/date stamped and returned to us by the messenger. Thank you for your assistance.

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

<b>California Independent System Operator Corporation</b>	) )	<b>Docket Nos. ER98-997-000 ER98-1309-000</b>
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**ANSWER OF THE  
CALIFORNIA INDEPENDENT SYSTEM OPERATOR CORPORATION  
TO COGENERATION ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA AND ARCO CQC  
KILN'S MOTION FOR A CONTINUATION OF EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS  
UNTIL APRIL 24, 2001**

To: The Honorable Jacob Leventhal  
Presiding Administrative Law Judge

Pursuant to Rule 213 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("Commission" or "FERC"), 18 C.F.R. § 385.213, the California Independent System Operator Corporation ("ISO") hereby answers the Cogeneration Association of California ("CAC") and Arco CQC Kiln's ("Arco") Motion for Continuation of Hearing Until April 24, 2001. The ISO supports the Motion and believes it would be in the best interest of the parties to this proceeding. The ISO therefore requests that the Motion be granted.

**I. Discussion**

On January 12, 2001, CAC/ARCO filed a motion to postpone the hearing in this proceeding until April 24, 2001. In support of the motion, CAC/ARCO cited recent events in California, of which the Presiding Judge is aware, and the pressing need to devote available resources to the resolution of those issues.

For similar reasons, a postponement would assist the ISO in addressing the immediate financial and energy crises. Conducting the hearing at this time would divert significant resources from the pressing problems. In particular, two of the ISO's witnesses, Ms. Le Vine, Director of Contracts and Compliance, and Mr. Carlson, Director of Operations Support & Training, have significant roles that may be implicated in resolution of the issues.

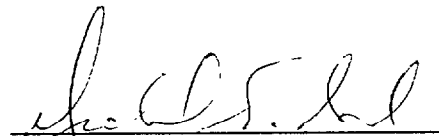
Finally, because testimony is complete, no party will be prejudiced by the delay.

## II. Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, the ISO respectfully requests that the Presiding Judge grant CAC and Arco's Motion for Continuation of the Hearing Until April 24, 2001.

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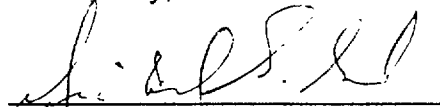
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Dated: January 16, 2001

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon each person designated on the official service list compiled by the Secretary in this proceeding.

Dated at Washington, D.C., this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2001.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Ward", written over a horizontal line.

Michael Ward