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OFFICE OF ENERGY MARKET REGULATION

California Independent System Operator Corporation Docket No. ER19-1080-0000

Issued: April 5, 2019

John C. Anders California Independent System Operator Corporation 250 Outcropping Way Folsom, CA 95630

Reference: Energy Imbalance Market Implementation Agreement

Dear Mr. Anders:

On February 21, 2019, the California Independent System Operator Corporation (CAISO) submitted an Energy Imbalance Market (EIM) Implementation Agreement (Implementation Agreement) with NorthWestern Corporation (NorthWestern). The Implementation Agreement sets forth the terms under which CAISO will extend its real-time energy market systems to provide imbalance energy services to NorthWestern pursuant to CAISO's EIM tariff provisions. Under the Implementation Agreement, NorthWestern will compensate CAISO for its share of the costs of related system changes, software licenses, and other configuration activities. The Implementation Agreement is accepted for filing, effective April 22, 2019, as requested.¹

The filing was noticed on February 21, 2019, with comments, protests, or interventions due on or before March 14, 2019. No protests or adverse comments were filed. Notices of intervention and unopposed timely filed motions to intervene are granted pursuant to the operation of Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 C.F.R. § 385.214). Any opposed or untimely filed motion to intervene is governed by the provisions of Rule 214.

This acceptance for filing shall not be construed as constituting approval of the referenced filing or of any rate, charge, classification or any rule, regulation or practice affecting such rate or service contained in your filed documents; nor shall such

¹ California Independent System Operator Corporation, FERC FPA Electric Tariff CAISO Rate Schedules, <u>RS 4947</u>, <u>NorthWestern EIM Implementation Agreement</u>, <u>0.0.0</u>.

acceptance be deemed as recognition of any claimed contractual right or obligation associated therewith; and such acceptance is without prejudice to any findings or orders which have been or any which may hereafter be made by the Commission in any proceeding now pending or hereafter instituted by or against CAISO.

This action is taken pursuant to the authority delegated to the Director, Division of Electric Power Regulation - West under 18 C.F.R. § 375.307. This order constitutes final agency action. Requests for rehearing by the Commission may be filed within 30 days of the date of issuance of this order, pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 385.713.

Issued by: Carlos D. Clay, Acting Director, Division of Electric Power Regulation – West