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### California ISO's Reliability Coordinator begins operations

RC West now oversees grid reliability for 17 entities in California and Mexico

FOLSOM, Calif. – The California Independent System Operator (ISO) today became the official Reliability Coordinator of record for 16 electricity balancing authorities and transmission operators primarily in California, and one in Mexico.

The July 1 cutover marks the first phase of a transition of power grid oversight responsibility from Peak Reliability to the ISO's service, RC West. It culminates work the ISO began in January 2018 to become a Reliability Coordinator for entities within its footprint and to offer the service to all balancing authorities and transmission operators in the West.

"We are pleased to announce that RC West began operations today," said Steve Berberich, ISO president and CEO. "This represents more than a year and a half of hard work and coordination on the part of our staff and the entities agreeing to take services from the ISO. We not only recognize the importance of this new role, but the confidence that these entities have placed in us."

In the first operational phase, RC West officially took over RC services for balancing authorities and transmission for the majority of California, and one entity in Mexico, Centro Nacional de Control de Energia (CENACE.)

In early November, following additional certifications by the North American Electric Reliability Corp. (NERC) and the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC), the ISO anticipates that RC West will become the Reliability Coordinator for another 23 entities in the Western Interconnection, overseeing 87 percent of the load in the western United States.

A Reliability Coordinator has the highest level of authority and responsibility for the reliable operation of power grids, and has wide visibility of bulk electric systems. With this new service, RC West will monitor the interconnected power grids in the West for compliance with federal and regional grid standards; authorize measures to prevent or mitigate system emergencies in day-ahead or real-time operations; and lead system restoration following major incidents.

The ISO has successfully conducted shadow operations for RC West since May 1. During this time period, RC West operators mirrored the reliability coordination provided



by Peak Reliability by participating in all communications, verifying system data, conducting operational analysis and monitoring system conditions using situational awareness tools.

For more information on Reliability Coordinators and RC West, visit the ISO's [RC West webpage](#).

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