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NERC RELIABILITY STANDARDS:  
GENERATOR OPERATORS (GOPs)  
COMMUNICATION OF INFORMATION

SUBJECT:  Compliance with NERC Reliability Standards- Communication of Information between the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) and Registered GOPs within the CAISO Balancing Authority Area.

PURPOSE:  To identify the communication channels that GOPs are required to use to provide data and information to the CAISO.

The NERC Reliability Standards requirements identify information and data that is to be communicated between Entities registered as GOPs and the CAISO, as a registered Balancing Authority (BA), TOP or Planning Authority (PA), for the purposes of maintaining reliable network operations.  These NERC Reliability Standards requirements have been included in a matrix developed by stakeholders and attached to this Notice.

The CAISO Tariff, at Section 9.3.5, provides that the primary method of communication between the CAISO and GOPs with regard to maintenance and outage planning shall be as provided in Operating Procedures found on the CAISO website.  This primary communication method is the Scheduling Logging for the ISO of California (SLIC) Web Service, described at http://www.caiso.com/docs/2001/02/01/2001020108211325518.html and http://www.caiso.com/docs/2005/10/28/200510281047542112.html

SLIC communications between an individual GOP and the CAISO can be accessed by the GOP using the Web Client Service, or by use of an API which has been developed by the GOP.  Questions regarding the use of the CAISO SLIC Web Service can be directed to: Travis Robinson, at throbinson@caiso.com.