

Board of Governors - Resolution David Olsen November 18, 2020

WHEREAS, David Olsen, was appointed to the Board of Governors of the California Independent System Operator Corporation in April 2012 and provided guidance, strategic insight, leadership and wisdom to the Board and management team; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Olsen has devoted his energy career, spanning over several decades, as a leader in renewable energy policy and practices and sustainability practices; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Olsen, amongst his numerous accomplishments, is the former President and CEO of Patagonia, Inc., a pioneer of sustainability practices in commerce. Previously, he led the development of wind, solar, hydro and geothermal power projects in more than 20 countries, as President of Clipper Windpower Development, President of Peak Power Corporation, President / CEO of Northern Power Systems, and Vice President of Magma Power Company. In 2000, Mr. Olsen led the creation of the California Climate Action Registry, the first state registry of greenhouse gases. From 2003 through 2013, Mr. Olsen served as Managing Director of Western Grid Group, an organization of former western state energy officials advocating for the modernization and transition to a clean energy economy, and creation of an Energy Imbalance Market in the western United States; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Olsen's leadership and guidance as a member and Chair of the ISO Board of Governors, and his service on the Board Audit Committee, significantly shaped and developed the ISO, including the successful development and growth of the Western Energy Imbalance Market and the successful transition of the ISO to serve as the Reliability Coordinator for the majority of the western interconnection; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Olsen, called upon his many years of experience, insight, keen intellect and passion for sustainability to help shape and support the ISO through rapid industry transformation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Olsen was instrumental in guiding the ISO through a significant organizational transition with the hiring of a new Chief Executive Officer in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Olsen has proven to be a valued and collegial member of the Board, whose thoughtfulness, insight, keen intellect and personal charisma have been greatly appreciated and will be missed by his fellow Board members, Management and staff at the California ISO;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the California ISO Board of Governors hereby expresses its utmost appreciation and sincerest gratitude to Mr. Olsen for his dedicated years of service to the ISO, its stakeholders, and the consumers of California.

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