On October 15, 2013, California Independent System Operator Corporation (CAISO) filed a tariff amendment to: (1) revise the manner in which multi-stage generating resources register their unit parameters with CAISO; and (2) how CAISO generates bids for multi-stage generating resources with resource adequacy (RA) requirements that do not submit bids to meet such obligations. CAISO explains that the instant proposal does not represent a departure of existing policy, but adds an additional refinement to an existing rule to maximize the benefit of the multi-stage functionality for RA resources, more fully implement the policy behind the already-approved enhancements, and account for intervening market rule changes. Currently, CAISO states that, for RA resources that fail to submit a bid or self-schedule for the resource’s capacity or must-offer requirement, which CAISO admits occurs on very limited occasions, the CAISO uses the default configuration and default transition path to generate a bid on behalf of the resource. This method, according to CAISO, assumes that RA resources provide a constant monthly amount of RA capacity. It does not take into account, for instance, a resource’s capacity that a Scheduling Coordinator has replaced or uses for replacement. Therefore, CAISO proposes to require multi-stage generator resources to submit a table with the default configuration applicable for each segment of the unit’s output from its minimum operation level to its maximum operating level. CAISO’s amendment is accepted, effective December 17, 2013, as requested.
The filing was noticed on October 15, 2013, with comments, protests or motions to intervene due on or before November 5, 2013. 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 rates or services provided for in the filed documents; nor shall such 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 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.

Sincerely,

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Division of Electric Power Regulation - West

cc: All Parties