

174 FERC ¶ 61,164
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Before Commissioners: Richard Glick, Chairman;
Neil Chatterjee, James P. Danly,
Allison Clements, and Mark C. Christie.

California Independent System Operator Corp.

Docket No. IN14-10-000

ORDER AMENDING ORDER APPROVING
STIPULATION AND CONSENT AGREEMENT

(Issued February 26, 2021)

1. The Commission hereby approves amendment of the Stipulation and Consent Agreement (Agreement)¹ among the California Independent System Operator Corp. (CAISO), the Office of Enforcement (Enforcement) and the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), by removing paragraph 14.d. and relieving CAISO of any obligation to complete the Contingency Modeling Enhancement (CME) project as a condition of the Agreement.
2. Paragraph 14 of the Agreement required CAISO to complete a number of reliability enhancements to meet the \$4 million credit against CAISO's \$6 million civil penalty. Since the Commission approved the Agreement, CAISO has completed all reliability enhancements, but the Contingency Modeling Enhancement described in paragraph 14.d., and has expended more than \$4 million toward the reliability enhancements, without including work on the CME project.
3. On September 17, 2020, in the above-captioned docket, CAISO petitioned the Commission to amend the Agreement to remove the requirement to implement the CME project. CAISO stated that the proposed amendment was in the public interest because the circumstances that led to proposing the CME no longer exist, CAISO has implemented all the other reliability enhancements, and CAISO has spent substantially more than \$4 million implementing the other reliability enhancements.

¹ *Cal. Indep. Sys. Operator Corp.*, 149 FERC ¶ 61,189 (2014).

4. CAISO stated that Enforcement and NERC do not oppose its request. No other entities opposed CAISO's petition.

The Commission finds:

The amendment proposed by CAISO to paragraph 14.d. of the Agreement is in the public interest, and amendment of the November 2014 Order approving the settlement is necessary to effectuate the relief requested by CAISO.

The Commission orders:

Paragraph 14.d. of the Agreement is hereby deleted, and CAISO is relieved of any obligation to complete the CME project in order to satisfy the Agreement, as discussed in the body of this order.

By the Commission.

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Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.