FOLSOM, Calif. – The California Independent System Operator (ISO) Board of Governors today approved a proposal to enhance the ability of demand response to participate in the wholesale power markets. Among other agenda items, the Board also agreed to an ISO management recommendation to extend temporary measures put into place to manage the impacts of the Aliso Canyon natural gas storage facility restrictions.

The new rules give providers three new ways to evaluate demand response (DR) performance that will better reflect different types of DR and their configurations. The proposals were developed in an ongoing and robust stakeholder process that is exploring ways to lower barriers to DR and energy storage development.

In light of the continuing restrictions on using the Aliso Canyon natural gas storage facility in southern California, the Board also approved extending the temporary market measures put into place to manage the limitations beyond their November 30, 2017 expiration date. One of the measures enables grid operators to limit the amount of gas that generators can burn during gas supply shortages and has proven to be particularly effective in reducing the risks of power supply interruptions.

Among other agenda items, the Board approved a modification to the western Energy Imbalance (EIM) Governing Body compensation rules.

To see the Board agenda and supporting documents, click here. To see more about the western EIM, visit our webpage here.

###

The California ISO provides open and non-discriminatory access to one of the largest power grids in the world. The vast network of high-voltage transmission power lines is supported by a competitive energy market and comprehensive grid planning. Partnering with over a hundred clients, the nonprofit public benefit corporation is dedicated to the continual development and reliable operation of a modern grid that operates for the benefit of consumers. Recognizing the importance of the global climate challenge, the ISO is at the forefront of integrating renewable power and advanced technologies that will help meet a sustainable energy future efficiently and cleanly.