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ISO welcomes BANC and WAPA to the real-time energy market

FOLSOM, Calif. – The California Independent System Operator (ISO) welcomes the Balancing Authority of Northern California (BANC) and the Western Area Power Administration – Sierra Nevada Region (WAPA SN) to the Western Energy Imbalance Market (EIM), following BANC and WAPA signing agreements to join the real-time energy market in April 2021.

“We are delighted to partner with more BANC members including WAPA’s Sierra Nevada region that recognize the Western EIM delivers meaningful results,” said ISO President and CEO Steve Berberich. “A transparent and open market, the Western EIM provides resource efficiencies while also providing environmental benefits to its customers.”

The BANC announced yesterday that its Commission voted to finalize a Western EIM implementation agreement with the ISO. Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD), the nation’s sixth-largest municipal utility, became the first BANC member to participate in the Western EIM on April 3, 2019.

BANC’s latest agreement includes a group of its members – Modesto Irrigation District, City of Redding and the City of Roseville and WAPA SN. BANC, a joint powers agency also includes SMUD, the City of Shasta Lake and Trinity Public Utilities District.

The Western EIM uses state-of-the-art technology to find and deliver low-cost energy to meet real-time energy demand across eight western states. Since its launch in 2014, the Western EIM has enhanced grid reliability while generating \$736 million in benefits to its nine participating entities, and reducing 403,546 metric tons of carbon emissions in the western states.

Current Western EIM participants include PacifiCorp of Portland, Ore. (2014), NV Energy of Nevada (2015), Arizona Public Service (2016), Puget Sound Energy of Washington (2016), Portland General Electric (2017), Idaho Power (2018) and Powerex, the marketing arm of BC Hydro (2018), and BANC Phase 1 (2019) The Western EIM is slated to expand with the participation of Salt River Project, and Seattle City Light in 2020; Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, NorthWestern

Energy, Turlock Irrigation District, and the Public Service Company of New Mexico in 2021; and Tucson Electric Power, Avista, and Tacoma Power in 2022.

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