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Pursuant to Article 8 of the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure, the California Independent System Operator Corporation (CAISO) hereby files this notice of the following oral ex parte communication with Matthew Tisdale, advisor to Commissioner Florio.

On January 5, 2015 from approximately 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., representatives of the CAISO met with Mr. Tisdale pursuant to his request to discuss current demand response issues. The meeting was held at the CAISO's offices, 250 Outcropping Way, Folsom, California. Attending for the CAISO were John Goodin, Regulatory Policy Manager; Heather Sanders, Director Regulatory Affairs-Distributed Energy Resources; Jill Powers, Smart Grid Solutions Manager; and Ali Miremadi, Manager, Operations Policy.

The discussion included (1) a review of the current demand response working groups; (2) the current state and development of the CAISO's demand response system; and (3) the classification of demand response programs.

The CAISO provided an overview of the current demand response working groups, including the key topics the working groups are addressing. The CAISO explained the list of prioritized integration issues, which includes baselines, telemetry, and access to meter data. The CAISO also discussed the challenges with the existing demand response system and

enhancements being made to that system, including the development of a new, more robust, demand response system currently scheduled to be implemented in 2016.

Mr. Tisdale also asked the CAISO about the classification of bifurcated demand response programs. During the course of the meeting, the CAISO explained the current classification of bifurcated demand response programs. The CAISO indicated that demand response programs that can be dispatched when and where needed, and in a megawatt amount needed, are well suited as supply resources. The CAISO conveyed that its primary objective is the establishment of clear rules on how to treat either supply or load modifying demand response programs for resource adequacy and long-term procurement capacity purposes, the establishment and application of must-offer obligations, and the appropriate accounting of demand response load impacts in the demand forecasting and planning processes.

No written materials were provided by the CAISO to Mr. Tisdale.

Respectfully submitted,

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