



July 6, 2021

The Honorable Kimberly D. Bose
Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

**Re: California Independent System Operator Corporation
Docket Nos. ER08-1178-000 and EL08-88-000**

**120-day Exceptional Dispatch Informational Report
December 1, 2020 through May 31, 2021**

Dear Secretary Bose:

The California Independent System Operator Corporation (CAISO) submits the attached informational report to include Exceptional Dispatch data for the period (including the summer months) from December 1, 2020 through May 31, 2021.

In its September 2009 Order, the Commission directed the CAISO to file reports every 120 days that describe the status of the CAISO's efforts to reduce the frequency of Exceptional Dispatch and the status of the CAISO's development of operational and product enhancements that would reduce reliance on Exceptional Dispatch.¹ The 120-day informational report is in addition to the Table 1 and Table 2 monthly Exceptional Dispatch reports the CAISO files in the above-referenced dockets.²

¹ *Cal. Indep. Sys. Operator Corp.*, 128 FERC ¶ 61,218, at PP 50-51 (September 2009 Order). The Commission explained that it “does not intend to notice these future status reports or to issue orders on these in the future, as these reports are for informational purposes only.” *Id.* at P 51 n.66.

² *Id.*, and *Cal. Indep. Sys. Operator Corp.*, 131 FERC ¶ 61,100 (2010). The CAISO now files both Table 1 and Table 2 at the same time on the 15th of each month.

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Please contact the undersigned with any questions regarding this filing.

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120-day Exceptional Dispatch Report

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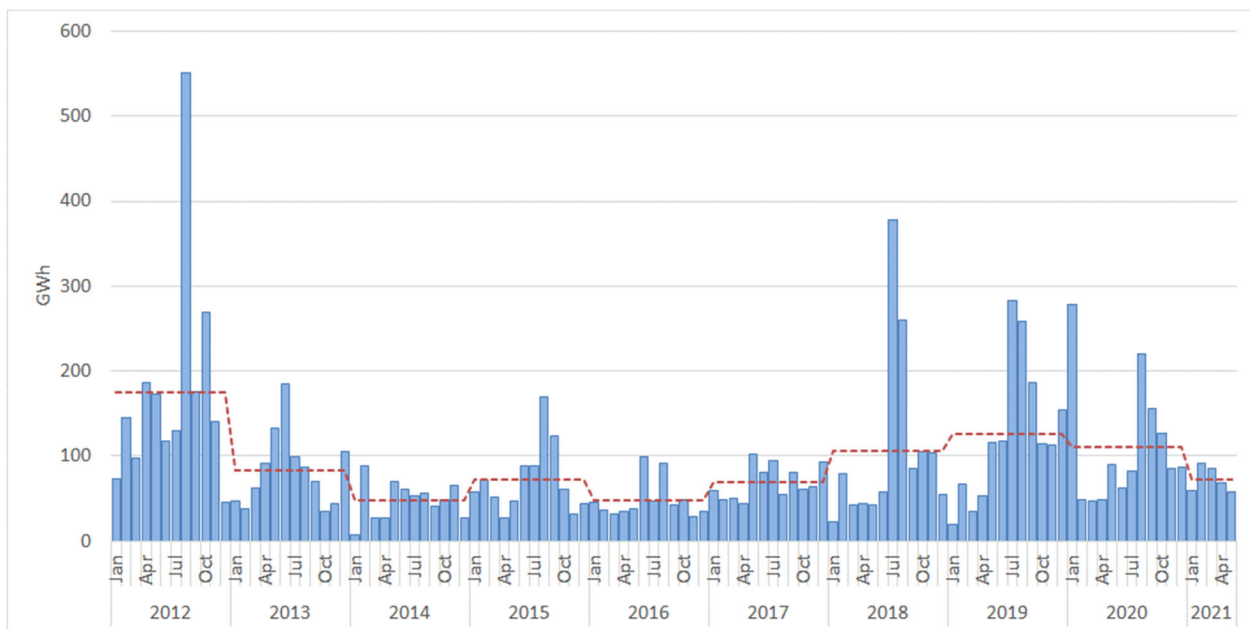
1. Introduction

This informational report by the California ISO (CAISO) provides an update to the Commission and market participants on the exceptional dispatch metrics and the measures the CAISO took to reduce reliance on exceptional dispatch for the period from January 2012 through January 2021. This report covers the 120-day period from December 1, 2020 through May 31, 2021¹.

2. Exceptional Dispatch Data and Reports

As shown in Figure 1 below, the annual average volume of exceptional dispatches for 2020 is lower than 2019 due to high volumes of exceptional dispatches in the month of August and September for 2019. Also, the year-to-date average exceptional dispatch volume for 2021 is trending lower than 2020. The yearly average volume has remained relatively stable at low levels for recent years with the exception of peak summer conditions when exceptional dispatches are necessary to manage contingencies as evident from the summer months in 2019 and 2020. The volume of exceptional dispatches since the summer months have decreased as evident from the seasonal patterns every year. The volume of exceptional dispatches for December 2020 - January 2021 was very low as compared to December 2019 - January 2020.

Figure 1 Exceptional Dispatch Volume from January 2012 to May 2021



¹ The ISO's 120-day reports are available on the ISO website at: <http://www.caiso.com/rules/Pages/Regulatory/RegulatoryFilingsAndOrders.aspx>.

The exceptional dispatch volume was lower in the winter months in 2020 – 2021. The majority of the volume of exceptional dispatches were due to planned transmission outage and Reliability Assessment. As explained in Operating Procedure 2330C², Reliability Assessment is the reason that encompasses Control Point (CP), Interconnection Reliability Operating Limit (IROL), System Operating Limit (SOL) and congestion related EDs, to mitigate reliability issues identified through the real – time assessment tools such as Real Time Contingency Analysis (RTCA), Voltage Stability Analysis (VSA), Dynamic Stability Analysis (DSA) and/or Operating Procedure (OP) or offline study.

These exceptional dispatches were driven by planned transmission outage (about 45% of total exceptional dispatch volume), reliability assessment (about 26% of total exceptional dispatch volume), voltage support (about 14% of total exceptional dispatch volume), other reliability requirement (about 5% of total exceptional dispatch volume), as shown in the figure 4.

Figure 2 Daily Exceptional Dispatch Volume from December 2020 to May 2021

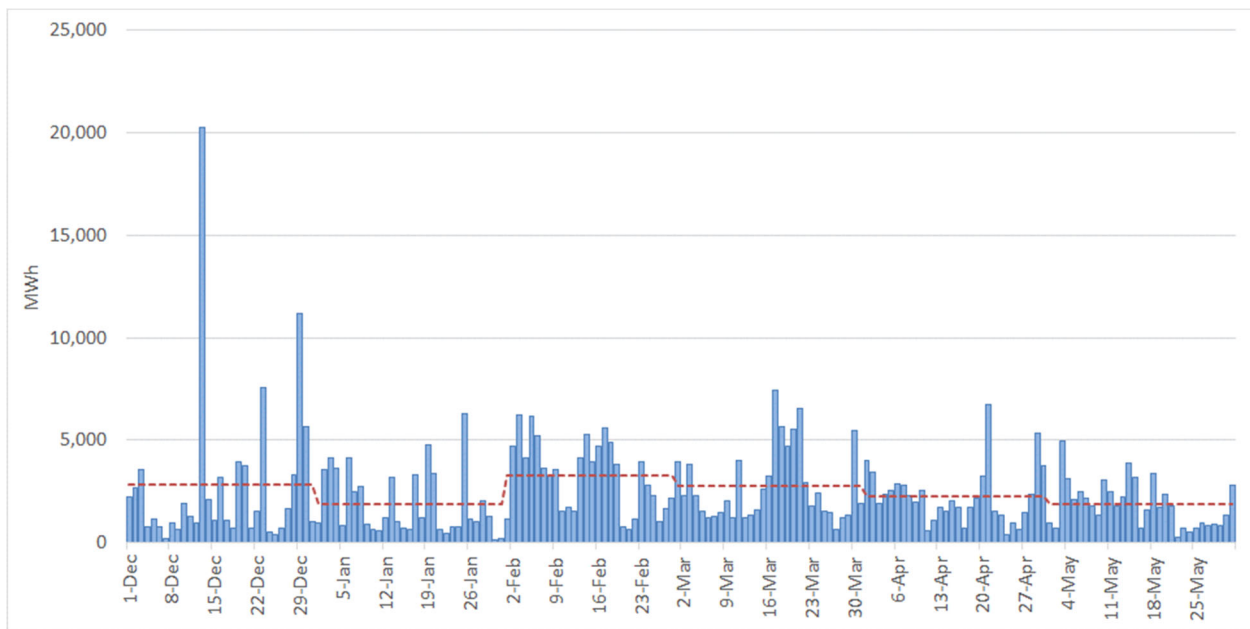


Figure 4, shows the hourly pattern of exceptional dispatch volume for December 2020 to May 2021.

² Operating Procedure 2330C - <http://www.caiso.com/Documents/2330C.pdf>.

Figure 3 Daily Exceptional Dispatch Volume for December 2020 to May 2021 by Reason

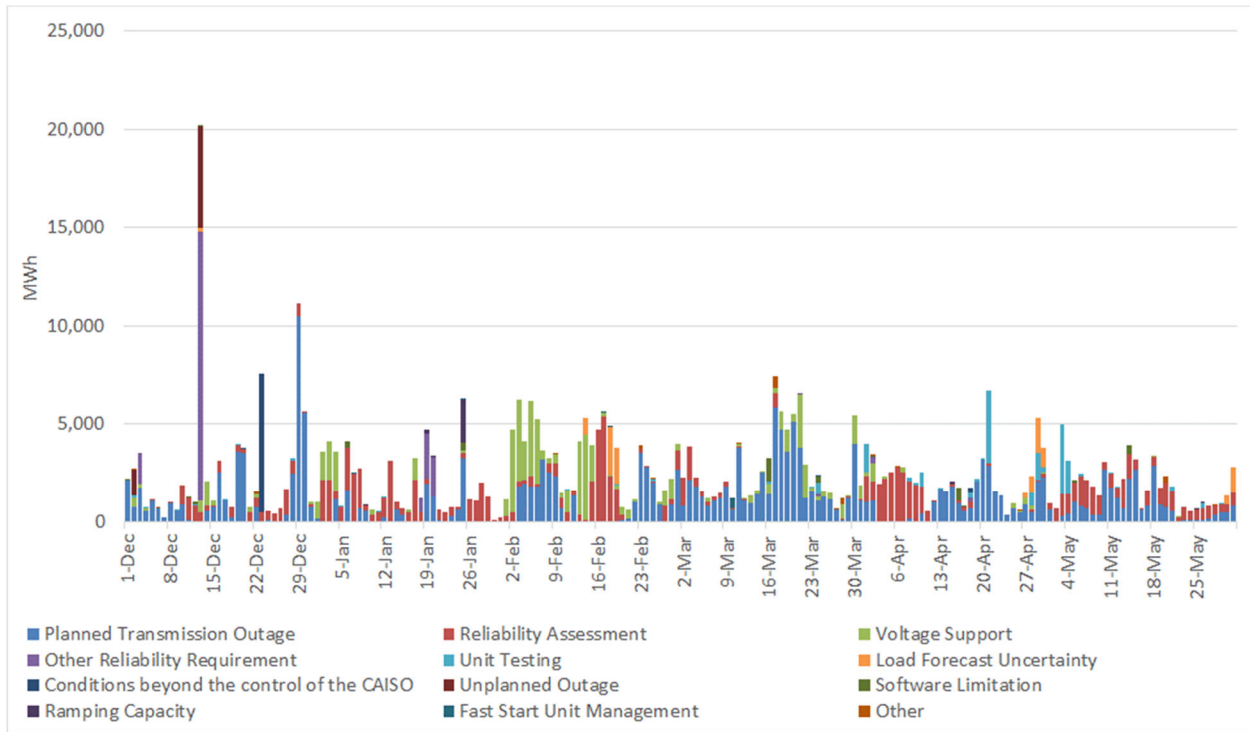
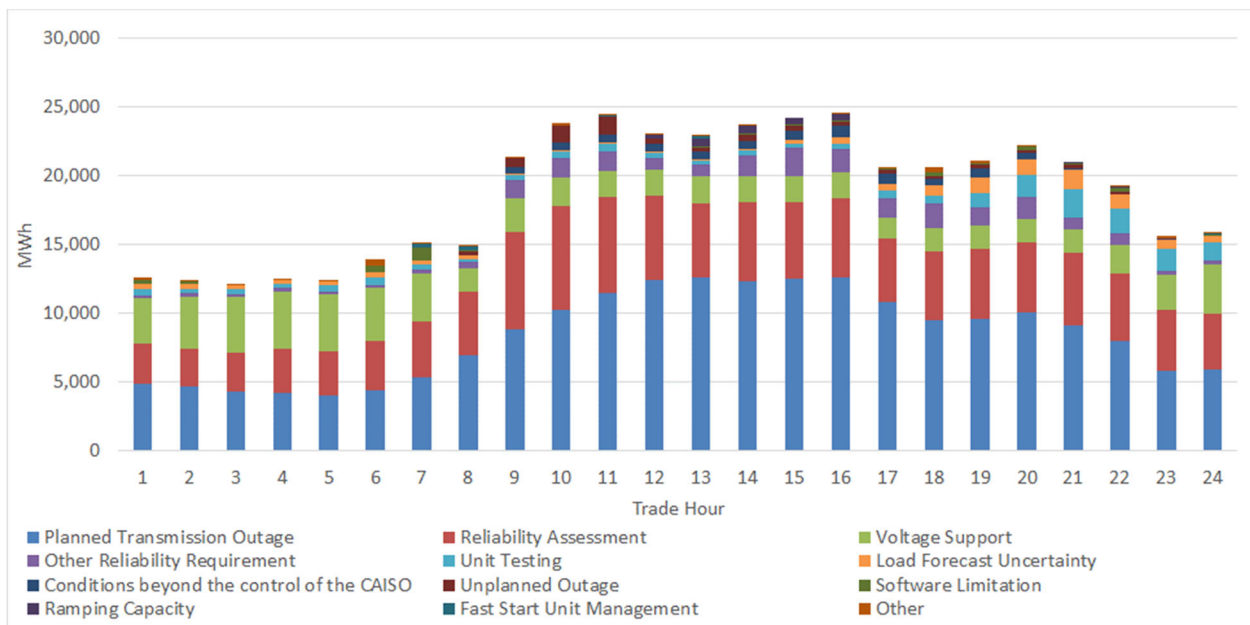


Figure 4 Hourly Exceptional Dispatch Volume for December 2020 to May 2021 by Reason



To comply with Commission directives and inform the market, as reflected in orders and the CAISO tariff, the CAISO produces and files two monthly exceptional dispatch reports in Docket No. ER08-1178, in addition to the 120-day reports that the CAISO is now resuming. One report (the Table 1 report) is filed on the 15th day of every month and the other report (the Table 2 report) is filed on the 30th day of every month. The CAISO has filed the Table 1 and Table 2 reports each month. These monthly reports provide the market with the most recent summary of exceptional dispatch activity and associated costs. The monthly reports are also available on the CAISO's website at: <http://www.caiso.com/market/Pages/ReportsBulletins/Default.aspx>.

The CAISO also publishes a monthly market performance report at: <http://www.caiso.com/market/Pages/ReportsBulletins/Default.aspx>. This monthly report highlights the frequency and cost of exceptional dispatch as a subset of the broader category of operator intervention. The report is published approximately three weeks after the end of every month and is based on preliminary settlement data available about 10 days after the end of the month.

Additional information is also explained in greater detail in the Market Performance Metric Catalog that the CAISO issues on a monthly basis. This report provides the explanation and context for each market metric, including information on exceptional dispatch. It is available at: <http://www.caiso.com/market/Pages/ReportsBulletins/Default.aspx>.

The CAISO also provides a regularly scheduled forum for discussing issues, including exceptional dispatch – the Market Performance and Planning Forum meetings that the CAISO holds every quarter. These meetings provide a venue for high-level dialogue on release planning, implementation, and new market enhancements. Agendas for the meetings cover items of importance to stakeholders, and includes general metrics of the ISO market performance, including Exceptional Dispatch metrics. Meeting agendas, presentations, and stakeholder comments are posted on the Market Performance and Planning Forum webpage: <http://www.caiso.com/Documents/Market%20performance%20and%20planning%20forum>.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served the foregoing document upon the parties listed on the official service list in the captioned proceedings, in accordance with the requirements of Rule 2010 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 C.F.R. § 385.2010).

Dated at Folsom, California, this 6th day of July, 2021.

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