## FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20426

## OFFICE OF ENERGY MARKET REGULATION

California Independent System Operator Corporation Docket No. ER12-1897-000 **July 5, 2012** 

California Independent System Operator Corporation 250 Outcropping Way Folsom, CA 95630

Attention: John Anders, Esquire

Senior Counsel for the California Independent

**System Operator Corporation** 

Reference: Amendment No. 5 to an Interconnected Control Area Operating

Agreement with Nevada Power Company

Dear Mr. Anders:

On May 31, 2012, California Independent System Operator Corporation (CAISO) submitted for filing Amendment No. 5 to the Interconnected Control Area Operating Agreement (ICAOA Amendment) between CAISO and Nevada Power Company (Nevada Power). CAISO also submitted a revised version of the ICAOA that incorporates Amendment No. 5. CAISO states the ICAOA Amendment includes changes in the points of interconnection to transition a portion of the Merchant substation from the Nevada Power balancing authority area to CAISO's balancing authority area and other related changes. Specifically, CAISO identified changes to Service Schedules 1, 4, 5, 6, and 7 to the ICAOA. Waiver of the Commission's notice requirements pursuant to section 35.11 of the Commission's rules and regulations (18 C.F.R. § 35.11) is granted and the proposed Amendment No. 5, as incorporated into the revised version of the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> CAISO has designated this revised version as CAISO Second Revised Rate Schedule No. 40.

Interconnected Control Area Operating Agreement, is accepted for filing effective June 18, 2012, as requested.<sup>2</sup>

This filing was noticed on June 1, 2012, with comments, protests, or motions to intervene due on or before June 21, 2012. No protests or adverse comments were filed. Notices of intervention and unopposed timely filed motions to intervene are granted pursuant to the operation of Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 C.F.R. § 385.214). Any opposed or untimely filed motion to intervene is governed by the provisions of Rule 214.

This acceptance for filing shall not be construed as constituting approval of the referenced filing or of any rate, charge, classification or any rule, regulation or practice affecting such rate or service contained in your tariff; nor shall such acceptance be deemed as recognition of any claimed contractual right or obligation associated therewith; and such acceptance is without prejudice to any findings or orders which have been or any which may hereafter be made by the Commission in any proceeding now pending or hereafter instituted by or against the California Independent System Operator Corporation.

This action is taken pursuant to the authority delegated to the Director, Division of Electric Power Regulation – West, under 18 C.F.R. § 375.307. This order constitutes final agency action. Requests for rehearing by the Commission may be filed within 30 days of the date of issuance of this order pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 385.713.

Sincerely,

Steve P. Rodgers, Director Division of Electric Power Regulation - West

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> CAISO states that June 18, 2012, is the anticipated date the Eldorado-Merchant No. 2 230 kV transmission line is placed into service and all generation connected to the Merchant substation and the Merchant 230 kV south bus transition into the CAISO balancing authority. CAISO notes that the actual transition date may differ from June 18, 2012, and that it commits to make a compliance filing with the Commission to the extent that the transition date differs from June 18, 2012.

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