BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Southern California Edison Company (U338E) for Approval of the Results of Its 2013 Local Capacity Requirements Request for Offers for the Moorpark Sub-Area.

Application 14-11-016 (Filed November 26, 2014)

THE CALIFORNIA INDEPENDENT SYSTEM OPERATOR CORPORATION'S NOTICE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATION

Pursuant to the Rule 8.4 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the California Independent System Operator Corporation (CAISO) submits this notice of *ex parte* communication. The *ex parte* communication occurred on June 15, 2017 from approximately 3:25 p.m. to 3:55 p.m. at the Commission office at 770 L Street in Sacramento. The ex parte communication included Commissioner Martha Guzman-Aceves and Advisors David Gamson and Candace Morey. The following individuals attended on behalf of the CAISO: Neil Millar, Executive Director for Infrastructure Development; Delphine Hou, Manager of State Regulatory Affairs; and Jordan Pinjuy, Senior Counsel.

Mr. Millar began by explaining the CAISO's role in the proceeding. Mr. Millar indicated that the CAISO conducted modeling to ensure that local capacity requirements (LCR) were met in the Moorpark sub-area. Mr. Millar further indicated that the Ellwood facility was considered an input assumption in the CAISO's original analysis in A.14-11-016, and that without Ellwood or a replacement, there would be a residual need in the Moorpark sub-area.

The CAISO also explained Southern California Edison Company's (SCE) technical review of distribution system needs in the Goleta area. Mr. Millar explained that these needs are distinct from the LCR need in the greater Moorpark sub-area that are identified in the CAISO's analysis. Mr. Millar stated that the CAISO did not take exception to SCE's short-circuit duty technical studies.

The CAISO also explained its involvement in studying alternatives to the Puente Power Project (Puente) in the context of the California Energy Commission's (CEC) Application for Construction (AFC) proceeding. Mr. Millar explained that the CAISO planned to conduct studies of one to two preferred resource portfolios to assist the CEC in reviewing alternatives to Puente. The CAISO indicated that the study would assess the technical viability of alternatives to meet LCR needs, but would not assess the commercial viability of such alternatives or whether

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such resources would be in place to ensure the retirement of once-through-cooled (OTC) units by their current compliance dates.

Mr. Millar indicated that the CAISO would work with SCE to review its past procurement activities to develop alternative resource portfolios. Mr. Millar also noted that the CAISO planned to hold a public webinar to discuss and receive feedback on the alternative portfolios and study assumptions. Mr. Miller stated that the CAISO plans to complete the portfolio development for the study within three to four weeks and plans to complete the entire study process and file final results by August 16, 2017.

No written materials were used during the course of the *ex parte* communication.

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