

March 31, 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 No. ER21-\_\_\_\_-000**

**Notice of Termination of Reliability Coordinator Service  
Agreement with Gridforce Energy Management, LLC**

Dear Secretary Bose:

The California Independent System Operator Corporation (CAISO) submits for Commission acceptance this notice of termination of the non-conforming Reliability Coordinator Service Agreement (Agreement) between the CAISO and Gridforce Energy Management, LLC (Gridforce), pursuant to the termination provisions in Section 3.1 of the Agreement (“Section 3.1”).<sup>1</sup> The CAISO requests that the Commission accept this notice of termination effective April 1, 2021, in accordance with Section 3.1. To the extent necessary, the CAISO respectfully requests waiver of the Commission’s notice requirement to permit this April 1 effective date for the notice of termination.

**I. Background and Basis for Termination**

The CAISO filed the Agreement for Commission acceptance in 2019. The CAISO explained the Agreement was non-conforming solely with respect to the termination provisions in Section 3.1 and a few related provisions necessary to reflect the termination provisions.<sup>2</sup> The Commission issued a letter order

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<sup>1</sup> The Agreement is designated as Service Agreement No. 5225 under the CAISO tariff. The CAISO submits this filing pursuant to Section 35.15(a) of the Commission’s regulations, 18 C.F.R. § 35.15(a).

<sup>2</sup> Transmittal letter for filing of Agreement, Docket No. ER19-2537-000, at 2-3 (Aug. 6, 2019). The *pro forma* Reliability Coordinator Service is set forth in appendix B.22 to the CAISO tariff.

accepting the Agreement for filing and granting the CAISO's requested effective date of October 7, 2019.<sup>3</sup>

Section 3.1 states in relevant part that, 12 months after the start of the Initial Term as defined in the Agreement, Gridforce "will have two (2) months to provide CAISO with a notice of termination, effective April 1, 2021." On November 2, 2020, Gridforce timely provided the CAISO with notice of termination of the Agreement, to be effective April 1, 2021.

Accordingly, the CAISO is filing the instant notice of termination in accordance with Section 35.15(a) of the Commission's regulations and with the Agreement.<sup>4</sup> The CAISO requests that the Commission accept this notice of termination effective April 1, 2021, pursuant to Section 3.1 and the notice of termination provided by Gridforce.

To the extent necessary, the CAISO respectfully requests waiver of the notice requirement set forth in Section 35.15(a) to permit this effective date for the notice of termination. For the reasons explained above, good cause exists to terminate the Agreement effective April 1, 2021.

## **II. Communications**

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## **III. Service**

The CAISO has served this filing on Gridforce and all parties on the official service list for the proceeding in which the Commission accepted the Agreement for filing (Docket No. ER19-2537).

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<sup>3</sup> Commission Letter Order, Docket No. ER19-2537-000 (Oct. 2, 2019).

<sup>4</sup> Section 3.2.1 of the Agreement states that, "[w]ith respect to any notice of termination given pursuant to this Section, the CAISO must file a notice of termination with FERC, or must otherwise comply with the requirements of FERC Order No. 2001 and related orders."

#### **IV. Conclusion**

For the reasons stated above, the CAISO respectfully requests that the Commission accept this notice of termination of the Agreement effective April 1, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

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