

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

California Independent System Operator Corporation)	Docket No. ER01-889-012
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California Independent System Operator Corporation)	Docket No. ER01-3013-004
)	
San Diego Gas & Electric Company,)	Docket No. EL00-95-059
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Complainant,)	
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v.)	
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Sellers of Energy and Ancillary Services Into Markets Operated by the California Independent System Operator and the California Power Exchange,)	
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Respondents)	

**STATUS REPORT OF THE
CALIFORNIA INDEPENDENT SYSTEM OPERATOR CORPORATION**

To: The Honorable Carmon A. Cintron
Acting Chief Administrative Law Judge

Pursuant to the Order of Chief Judge Continuing Suspension of Proceedings and Ordering Further Status Reports issued in the above-captioned dockets on February 16, 2016, the California Independent System Operator Corporation (“ISO”) respectfully provides the enclosed status report. As the ISO explains below, there have been no occurrences that alter the conclusion reached by the ISO and active parties¹ to this

¹ Based on attendance at the February 12, 2008 pre-hearing conference, the “active parties” to this case are defined, for purposes of this status report, as the ISO, the California Department of Water Resources (“CDWR”), Pacific Gas and Electric Co. (“PG&E”), the Sacramento Municipal Utility District

proceeding in previous status reports, and the Chief Judge's orders, that the procedural schedule in these proceedings should continue to be suspended pending the outcome of the California refund proceeding.

I. BACKGROUND: ISSUES AND THE SUSPENSION OF PROCEEDINGS

This case concerns the accounting for transactions during the California energy crisis of 2000 and 2001. On November 7, 2001, the Commission issued an order in this docket that required the ISO to invoice the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) for all transactions that DWR entered into on behalf of the net short positions of PG&E and SCE (collectively, the "IOUs") during the period January 17, 2001 through July 31, 2001, within 15 days of the date of that order. The ISO submitted its compliance filing on November 21, 2001. On March 27, 2002, the Commission issued an order requiring that the ISO "re-invoice those gross amounts owed by DWR for all ISO transactions DWR entered into on behalf of the non-creditworthy [IOUs] . . . and provide a transparent means by which this Commission and other parties can determine whether the invoiced amounts were properly calculated." In response, the ISO submitted its compliance filing along with the gross invoices of PG&E and SCE, the net invoices of CDWR, and a worksheet and summary of these invoices.

On November 25, 2002, the Commission issued an order in which it determined that the ISO's compliance filing was deficient in explaining whether or not it had properly calculated the amounts invoiced to DWR on behalf of the net short position of the IOUs. The Commission based this decision on a finding that the ISO had failed to provide

("SMUD"), Modesto Irrigation District ("MID"), Cities of Santa Clara and Redding, California, and Powerex Corporation. All of these parties are also parties to the California refund proceeding.

“adequate supporting documentation that would allow for transparency” in determining whether the ISO had properly calculated the amounts invoiced to DWR. Therefore, finding that there were material issues of fact as to whether the CAISO had properly calculated amounts invoiced to DWR, the Commission set for hearing the following issues:

an accounting and explanation to determine how the CAISO calculated that DWR owed \$3.6 billion (as the creditworthy party for the IOUs) to the CAISO markets for the period January 17, 2001 through July 31, 2001; an accounting and explanation to determine how the CAISO calculated that DWR was owed \$2.7 billion during this time period; how much interest, if any, is included in these amounts due; a determination on whether DWR has fully paid all of the CAISO invoiced amounts; and any other issues that might affect the calculation of the amount that the CAISO should have invoiced DWR.

After several months of discussing a possible negotiated resolution to these proceedings, the ISO, on February 18, 2003, filed an unopposed motion to temporarily suspend the procedural schedule to allow the parties to focus on reaching a complete settlement and preparing an offer of settlement to file with the Commission. Chief Administrative Law Judge Wagner granted the ISO’s request and, on February 25, 2003, suspended the procedural schedule until “otherwise ordered.”

During the intervening years, the ISO, in response to orders from Chief Judge Wagner, filed several status reports indicating that although all parties felt that settlement was the preferred means of resolving the issues set for hearing by the Commission in this proceeding, negotiating such a settlement would be greatly facilitated by awaiting the conclusion of the compliance process in the California refund proceeding before attempting to conclude and file a settlement in this proceeding. Therefore, the ISO, on behalf of the active parties, requested that this proceeding

remain suspended until such time as the Commission issued an order approving the ISO's compliance filing in the California refund proceeding. The most recent of these status reports was filed on November 24, 2008.

On December 12, 2008, the Chief Judge issued an order finding that it is in the public interest to continue the suspension of the procedural schedule in this case pending a final Commission determination in the California refund proceeding that establishes the final balances of the entities that participated in the markets operated by the ISO during the Refund Period. The Chief Judge directed the ISO to file further status reports every 90 days, the most recent of which the ISO filed on February 12, 2016. After the filing of each of these reports, the Chief Judge has issued orders continuing the suspension of this proceeding and ordering the ISO to file further status reports. In its previous status reports, the ISO explained that no events had occurred subsequent to the December 12 order that would make a case for resuming the procedural schedule in this proceeding.

II. STATUS REPORT

There have been no occurrences since the filing of the ISO's last status report in these dockets on February 12, 2016 that alter the reasons for the Chief Judge's conclusion that the procedural schedule in this proceeding should be suspended pending a Commission order establishing the final balances of the entities that participated in the markets operated by the ISO during the Refund Period. No such Commission order has been issued and the California refund proceeding is still ongoing. Earlier this month, the ISO made its filing in compliance with the Commission's orders

issued in the California refund proceeding.² The Commission has yet to act on that filing.

Therefore, the ISO respectfully requests that Chief Judge Cintron continue to suspend the procedural schedule in this proceeding until the date on which the Commission issues an order in Docket Nos. EL00-95-045, *et al.* that establishes the final balances of those entities that participated in markets operated by the ISO during the Refund Period. Once that occurs, the ISO is optimistic that the parties to this proceeding should be able to expeditiously reach a settlement that resolves all of the issues set for hearing.

² Compliance Filing of the California Independent System Operator Corporation (“ISO”) Regarding Orders About the Refund Rerun, Financial Adjustments and Interest, Docket Nos. EL00-95, *et al.* (May 4, 2016). As the ISO explained in this filing, even after the Commission approves this filing, there will still be additional steps before a final cash clearing can occur, most notably the process of accounting for the various settlements entered into between buyers and sellers in the ISO and California Power Exchange markets.

III. CONCLUSION

The ISO respectfully requests that the Chief Judge accept the enclosed status report and continue to suspend the procedural schedule in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have served the foregoing document upon the email listserv established for the EL00-95 proceeding.

Dated at Washington D.C. this 16th day of May, 2016.

/s/ Michael Kunselman

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