



March 14, 2005

Patrick H. Wood, III  
Chairman  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, N.E.  
Washington, DC 20426

Dear Chairman Wood:

A thank you is in order for the roundtable you and your fellow Commissioners held for the RTO/ISO Boards this past Thursday in Washington DC. As the Federal regulator of these private and independent public benefit Boards, there are many ways FERC can approach communication. We can collaborate together to find common ground, or we can spend millions of consumer dollars in legal and courtroom battles. As the new Chair of the California ISO, I speak on behalf of our entire Board in commending you, your fellow Commissioners and your management staff for choosing to initiate the collaborative approach.

Your Thursday meeting format allowed for candid discussion by both sides on past perceptions and frustrations. It also highlighted the great opportunity for common good. It is the goal of common good that often gets lost in the battle, and your meeting set a tone for all of us to stay better focused on that goal. We appreciate you taking the first step. I truly believe your efforts will result in millions of dollars being saved to the benefit of a better and more reliable electrical power grid.

Thank you also for sending three of your 'best and brightest' FERC staff to your Folsom office to assist as California continues to prepare to deal with a recovering and growing economy that may lead to possible electrical supply challenges this summer.

As an independent and professional ISO Board, our primary mission is "keep the lights on" at the most reasonable costs to consumers. Our goal is to continue to seek long-term solutions that will build a stronger energy future for California. Having your FERC staff work in collaboration with the California ISO will make that goal a reality.

Your collaborative spirit has set the tone as we try to achieve honest and reliable electrical generation and transmission. Thanks again to you and your fellow Commissioners for taking this bold step forward.

Sincerely,

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