ARGUMENT SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 18, 1999

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

California Independent System Operator Corporation	1)	
and California Electricity Oversight Board,)	
Petitioners)	
)	
v.)	Nos. 98-1384
)	(related Docket
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission,)	98-1225 and 98-1226
Respondent)	

PETITIONER CALIFORNIA INDEPENDENT SYSTEM OPERATOR CORPORATION'S RESPONSE IN SUPPORT OF FERC AND OVERSIGHT BOARD'S JOINT MOTION TO SUSPEND ORAL ARGUMENT

Earlier today, on February 16, 1998, the California Electricity Oversight Board (Oversight Board) and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) filed a Joint Motion to Suspend Oral Argument on the jurisdictional issue that is currently scheduled for February 18, 1999. The ISO hereby files its response in support of that joint motion.

The ISO has consistently expressed its need for a prompt resolution of this appeal because of the conflicting state and federal directives regarding its governance structure imposed on it by FERC and the State of California. The ISO believes that the ongoing joint effort of FERC and the State of California to resolve amicably their differences, as

more fully described in their joint motion, presents the best opportunity for prompt relief from these conflicting directives. For that reason, the ISO urges the Court to grant the joint motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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