

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Order Instituting Investigation into)
implementation of Assembly Bill 970 regarding) I.00-11-001
the identification of electric transmission and)
distribution constraints, actions to resolve those)
constraints, and related matters affecting the)
reliability of electric supply.)
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**PREHEARING CONFERENCE STATEMENT
OF THE
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In accordance with the Administrative Law Judge's November 29 Ruling and Notice of Further Prehearing Conference ("November 29 Notice"), the California Independent System Operator ("CA ISO") respectfully submits this prehearing conference statement. The November 29 Notice indicates that a Prehearing Conference ("PHC") will be held in this docket on December 19, 2001, and explains that the PHC will focus on identifying the best use of hearings to be held in February 2002. The November 29 Notice invites parties to file prehearing conference statements setting forth their views of high priority subjects for the February hearings and directs various parties to submit information with their PHC statement. The November 29 Notice specifically asks the CA ISO to report on the status of its evaluation of Path 26.

Appended to this PHC statement is a short summary of the status of the CA ISO's evaluation of Path 26, and associated documents. The CA ISO had hoped to complete a formal report on its evaluation, but this activity has been delayed due to personnel limitations in the planning department. Thus, a comprehensive report is not available.

The CA ISO will not be able to attend the December 19 PHC. The CA ISO will continue to monitor the proceeding and to participate to the extent appropriate and consistent with available resources.

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