

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

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Examine the
Commission's Post-2008 Energy Efficiency
Policies, Programs, Evaluation, Measurement,
and Verification, and Related Issues

R.09-11-014
(Filed November 20, 2009)

**MOTION FOR PARTY STATUS OF THE CALIFORNIA INDEPENDENT SYSTEM
OPERATOR CORPORATION**

The California Independent System Operator Corporation ("ISO") respectfully moves for party status in this proceeding. The ISO makes its request under Rule 1.4 of the California Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") Rules of Practice and Procedure.¹

I Description of the ISO

The ISO is a non-profit public benefit corporation established by AB 1890 (September 1996). The ISO operates that portion of the Western Interconnection bulk power grid known as the CAISO-Controlled Grid, which includes the transmission systems of the Commission-jurisdictional IOUs Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Southern California Edison Company and San Diego Gas & Electric Company. This CAISO-Controlled Grid makes up approximately 80 percent of California's high power grid. The ISO also operates an organized wholesale power market. The ISO's operations are conducted pursuant to its electric tariff (known as the "CAISO Tariff") as accepted by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

¹ Rule 1.4 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure permits a person to become a party to a proceeding by, among other things, filing a motion to become a party. A person filing such a motion must disclose the identity of the persons or entities in whose behalf the motion is made and the interest of such persons or entities in the proceeding. The motion must also show that the party's contentions will be reasonably pertinent to the issues already presented

II The ISO's Interest in the Proceeding

The systems and market operations of the ISO are intrinsically related to the business operations of the load serving entities who are respondents in this proceeding. In particular, certain energy efficiency (EE) efforts which are part of the Marketing Education and Outreach (ME&O) program, such as the "Energy 360" effort and "Flex Your Power" effort, directly relate to the business functions of the ISO. These conservation programs are intended to impact demand at times that correlate to power supplies approaching capacity and stressed transmission and distribution system conditions. Accordingly, the ISO is uniquely suited to provide its perspective as systems operator and a "beneficiary" of such conservation efforts. In this regard, the ISO's interests are not represented by any party in this proceeding, and the ISO's comments will be directly relevant to the issues.

III Motion for Party Status

The ISO makes this motion for party status in order to join with others in the proceeding, provide relevant comment and contribute to the evaluation of issues in the proceeding as outlined in the recent Assigned Commissioner's ruling and scoping memo² and the Assigned Commissioner's Ruling Regarding Statewide Marketing and Outreach Program.³ The ISO's participation in this proceeding will not prejudice any party, nor will it delay the schedule or broaden the scope of the issues in this proceeding.

² Assigned Commissioner's Ruling and Scoping Memo Regarding 2013-2014 Bridge Portfolio and Post-Bridge Planning, Phase IV, filed October 25, 2011.

³ Assigned Commissioner's Ruling Regarding Statewide Marketing and Outreach Program filed October 13, 2011.

IV Notice

Service of notices, orders, and other communications and correspondence in this proceeding should be directed to California Independent System Operator Corporation at the address set forth below:

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V CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated above, the ISO respectfully requests that the Commission grant the ISO's motion for party status and place the ISO on the Active Party portion of the service list for this proceeding.

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