

April 15, 2013

The Honorable Kimberly D. Bose Secretary Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street, NE Washington, DC 20426

Re: California Independent System Operator Corporation
Docket Nos. ER08-1178-___, and EL08-88-___
February 2013 Exceptional Dispatch Report (Chart 1 data)

Dear Secretary Bose:

Pursuant to the Commission's September 2, 2009 and May 4, 2010 orders in the above referenced dockets, the California Independent System Operator Corporation submits the attached report. The attached report provides details concerning Exceptional Dispatches the Commission directed to be included in "Chart 1" as set forth in Appendix A of the September 2 order, as modified by the ISO's September 14 motion for clarification, which the Commission granted in its May 4 order. The attached report provides Chart 1 data for the month of February 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

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Exceptional Dispatch Report

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Introduction

This report is filed pursuant to FERC's September 2, 2009 and May 4, 2010 orders in ER08-1178. These orders require two monthly Exceptional Dispatch reports—one issued on the 15th of each month and one issued on the 30th of each month. This report provides data on the frequency and reasons for Exceptional Dispatches issued in February 2013.

The Nature of Exceptional Dispatch

The ISO can issue exceptional dispatch instructions for a resource as a pre-day-ahead unit commitment, which may also include an indicative exceptional dispatch energy schedule, a post-day-ahead unit commitment, or a real-time exceptional dispatch¹. A pre-day-ahead commitment is an exceptional dispatch instruction that commits a resource at or above its physical minimum operating level in the day-ahead market. A post-day-ahead market commitment is an exceptional dispatch instruction that commits a resource at or above its physical minimum operating level in the real-time market. A real-time exceptional dispatch instruction is a dispatch of a resource at or above its physical minimum operating point. For the purposes of this report, a real-time exceptional dispatch above the resource day-ahead award is considered an incremental exceptional dispatch instruction and an exceptional dispatch below the day-ahead award is considered a decremental dispatch instruction.

The ISO issues exceptional dispatch instructions primarily for constraints which are not enforced or not completely enforced in the market software. Whenever the ISO issues an exceptional dispatch instruction, such instructions are logged into the scheduling and logging system ("SLIC"), including the associated reason. These reasons are associated with the constraints that are not currently incorporated into the market application. In addition to model constraints, the ISO also issues exceptional dispatch instructions for software failures.

Many of the exceptional dispatches listed below in Table 1, were to satisfy either a local area or system reliability requirements, and are classified into local generation requirements, transmission management requirements, non-modeled transmission outages or other requirements, such as ramp requirements and intertie emergency assistance. All reason codes starting with "G" refer to an ISO operating procedure for generation requirements and reason codes starting with "T" refer to an ISO operating procedure for transmission facilities. Most of the generation procedures are internal to the ISO and not available on the ISO

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¹ The ISO can issue exceptional dispatch instructions subject to authority of the ISO Tariff Section 34.9 and in accordance with ISO Operating Procedure 2330 (formerly M-402).

website. All of the transmission procedures are available on the CAISO website².

In February 2013, the ISO issued exceptional dispatches for the following generation and transmission operating requirements: (1) 7320, transmission facilities in Bay Area; and (2) other transmission outages in PG&E, SCE and SDG&E area.

The following additional reason for exceptional dispatch instructions in February 2013 was not related to specific generation or transmission operating procedures: (1) Software Limitation, when an exceptional dispatch instruction was used to bridge schedules across days for resources with a minimum down time of 24 hours, as the ISO software does not handle multi day commitment. For instance, a resource has a day-ahead schedule from 0600 till 2300, and then is shut down in 2400. If this resource had a minimum down time of 24 hours and it is required the following day, then the ISO issues an exceptional dispatch to commit this resource in 2400 so that it can be dispatched economically in the following day. Software limitation reason was also used for exceptional dispatches to manually issue shut down instructions to a resource because of a temporary Automatic Dispatch System ("ADS") failure, or similar issues. There were a few other reasons used to explain exceptional dispatch instructions in February, which are self explanatory.

As mentioned earlier, the data shown in Table 1 is based on a template specified in the September 2009 order³. Each entry in Attachment A is a summary of exceptional dispatches classified by (1) the reason for the exceptional dispatch; (2) the location of the resource by Participating Transmission Owner ("PTO") service area; (3) the Local Reliability Area ("LRA") where applicable; (4) the market in which the exceptional dispatch occurred (day-ahead vs. real-time); and (5) the date of the exceptional dispatch. For each classification the following information is provided: (1) Megawatts (MW); (2) Commitment (3) Inc or Dec (4) Hours; (5) Begin Time; and (6) End Time.

The MW column shows the range of exceptional dispatch instructions in MW for the classification. The Commitment column specifies if there was a unit commitment for the classification. The INC/DEC/NA column specifies if there was an incremental dispatch, a decremental dispatch, or only a unit commitment. If the exceptional dispatch was only a unit commitment, the column shows NA for the classification. The Begin Time column shows the start of exceptional dispatch

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² A list of all of the ISO's publicly available Operating Procedures are available at the following link: http://www.caiso.com/thegrid/operations/opsdoc/index.html

The data in Table 1 is principally SLIC information supplemented with data from the Market Quality System (MQS). It is the most accurate currently available and it is worth noting that this data has been through the T+38B initial statement process wherein many unresolved issues are fixed. The CAISO believes that this data will correlate well with the settlements data that will be available when the CAISO files the Table 2 report for the reporting period.

for the classification and the End Time column shows the end of exceptional dispatch for the classification. The column Hours is the difference between end time and begin time rounded up to the next hour. The data shown is further explained by way of example in Attachment A.

Table 1 indicates that there were a total of 83 exceptional dispatches in February 2013, decreasing by 67 as compared to the March 15, 2013 report for January 2013. Exceptional dispatches issued for the following reasons accounted for approximately 58 percent of the total exceptional dispatches during the reporting period: software limitation, transmission outage PG&E, unit testing and thermal margin.

Table 1: Exceptional Dispatches in February 2013

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Chart 1: Table of Exceptional Dispatches for Period 01/February /2013 – 28/ February /2013

				Local							
Num ber	Market Type	Reason	Location	Reliability Area	Trade Date	MW	Commit ment	INC_DEC	Hours	Begin Time	End Time
1	DA	Transmission Outage PG&E	PG&E	N/A	22-Feb-13	50	Yes	N/A	17	7:00	23:00
2	RT	7320	PG&E	Bay Area	5-Feb-13	37	No	INC	2	17:29	18:03
3	RT	7320	PG&E	Bay Area	18-Feb-13	20	Yes	INC	2	17:43	18:14
4	RT	Bridging Schedules	PG&E	Bay Area	14-Feb-13	45	Yes	INC	1	23:00	23:59
5	RT	Bridging Schedules	SCE	LA Basin	5-Feb-13	20	No	INC	2	22:00	23:59
6	RT	Bridging Schedules	SCE	LA Basin	28-Feb-13	60	Yes	INC	1	23:00	23:59
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7	RT	Bridging Schedules	SDG&E	Diego-IV	28-Feb-13	20- 40	Yes	INC	3	21:00	23:59
8	RT	Intertie Emergency Assistance	Intertie	N/A	16-Feb-13	110	No	INC	2	14:44	15:59
9	RT	Intertie Emergency Assistance	Intertie	N/A	21-Feb-13	22	No	INC	1	23:00	23:59
10	RT	Load Forecast Uncertainty	SCE	LA Basin	25-Feb-13	25	Yes	INC	5	16:00	20:59
11	RT	Load Pull	SCE	LA Basin	4-Feb-13	71	Yes	INC	6	15:00	20:59
12	RT	Load Pull	SCE	LA Basin	5-Feb-13	97- 300	No	DEC	10	5:40	14:14
13	RT	Load Pull	SCE	LA Basin	5-Feb-13	30- 140	No	INC	10	5:30	14:14
14	RT	Load Pull	SCE	LA Basin	6-Feb-13	70	Yes	INC	15	6:00	20:59
15	RT	Load Pull	SCE	LA Basin	7-Feb-13	70	No	INC	6	4:10	9:59
16	RT	Over Generation	SCE	LA Basin	3-Feb-13	352	No	DEC	1	17:00	17:02
17	RT	Over Generation	SCE	LA Basin	3-Feb-13	160	No	INC	1	6:00	6:59
18	RT	Over Generation	SCE	LA Basin	17-Feb-13	240	No	INC	4	10:53	13:59
19	RT	Path 26	SCE	LA Basin	1-Feb-13	126	No	DEC	2	17:21	18:59
20	RT	Path 26	SCE	LA Basin	2-Feb-13	70	No	INC	7	17:25	23:59

				Local							
Num	Market	_		Reliability			Commit			Begin	End
ber	Type	Reason	Location	Area	Trade Date	MW	ment	INC_DEC	Hours	Time	Time
21	RT	SCE Import Limit	SCE	LA Basin	3-Feb-13	20	Yes	INC	16	8:00	23:59
22	RT	SCE Import Limit	SCE	LA Basin	16-Feb-13	46	Yes	INC	2	20:43	21:16
23	RT	SP26 Capacity	SDG&E	San Diego-IV	28-Feb-13	44- 50	No	INC	8	12:05	19:59
24	RT	Software Limitation	PG&E	Bay Area	19-Feb-13	834	No	INC	2	22:00	23:47
25	RT	Software Limitation	PG&E	Fresno	3-Feb-13	318	No	DEC	2	2:45	3:29
26	RT	Software Limitation	PG&E	Fresno	12-Feb-13	0	Yes	INC	2	13:20	14:19
27	RT	Software Limitation	PG&E	Fresno	19-Feb-13	0	Yes	INC	2	19:45	20:44
28	RT	Software Limitation	PG&E	Fresno	24-Feb-13	315	Yes	DEC	1	2:20	2:29
29	RT	Software Limitation	PG&E	Humboldt	14-Feb-13	44	No	INC	1	23:15	23:58
30	RT	Software Limitation	PG&E	Humboldt	15-Feb-13	15	No	INC	1	0:00	0:29
31	RT	Software Limitation	SCE	Big Creek- Ventura	2-Feb-13	0	Yes	INC	2	21:45	22:14
32	RT	Software Limitation	SCE	Big Creek- Ventura	12-Feb-13	0	Yes	INC	23	1:45	23:09
33	RT	Software Limitation	SCE	Big Creek- Ventura	27-Feb-13	0	Yes	INC	2	0:30	1:29
34	RT	Software Limitation	SCE	LA Basin	17-Feb-13	300	No	INC	4	16:00	19:59
35	RT	Software Limitation	SCE	LA Basin	20-Feb-13	0	Yes	INC	1	21:00	21:59
36	RT	Software Limitation	SDG&E	San Diego-IV	7-Feb-13	68	No	INC	6	4:10	9:59
37	RT	Software Limitation	SDG&E	San Diego-IV	13-Feb-13	0	Yes	INC	1	23:05	23:59
38	RT	Software Limitation	SDG&E	San Diego-IV	14-Feb-13	510	No	INC	24	0:00	23:04
39	RT	Software Limitation	SDG&E	San Diego-IV	15-Feb-13	310	No	INC	3	21:45	23:59
40	RT	Software Limitation	SDG&E	San Diego-IV	28-Feb-13	150	No	INC	2	5:15	6:59
41	RT	System Energy	Intertie	N/A	17-Feb-13	75	No	DEC	1	13:00	13:59
42	RT	System Energy	Intertie	N/A	17-Feb-13	500	Yes	INC	1	13:00	13:59

Num	Market			Local Reliability			Commit			Begin	End
ber	Type	Reason	Location	Area	Trade Date	MW	ment	INC DEC	Hours	Time	Time
43	RT	Thermal Margin	SCE	LA Basin	5-Feb-13	25	Yes	INC	18	6:00	23:59
44	RT	Thermal Margin	SCE	LA Basin	6-Feb-13	20	Yes	INC	24	0:00	23:59
45	RT	Thermal Margin	SCE	LA Basin	7-Feb-13	25	Yes	INC	3	21:55	23:59
46	RT	Thermal Margin	SCE	LA Basin	8-Feb-13	25	Yes	INC	24	0:00	23:59
47	RT	Thermal Margin	SCE	LA Basin	17-Feb-13	20	Yes	INC	24	0:00	23:59
48	RT	Thermal Margin	SCE	N/A	8-Feb-13	40	Yes	INC	18	6:20	23:59
49	RT	Thermal Margin	SDG&E	San Diego-IV	5-Feb-13	20	No	INC	14	10:00	23:59
50	RT	Thermal Margin	SDG&E	San Diego-IV	6-Feb-13	20	No	INC	21	3:00	23:59
51	RT	Thermal Margin	SDG&E	San Diego-IV	7-Feb-13	20	No	INC	24	0:00	23:59
52	RT	Thermal Margin	SDG&E	San Diego-IV	8-Feb-13	20	No	INC	24	0:00	23:59
53	RT	Transmission Outage PG&E	PG&E	N/A	6-Feb-13	300- 445	No	INC	6	18:25	23:59
54	RT	Transmission Outage PG&E	PG&E	N/A	22-Feb-13	0	Yes	INC	17	7:00	23:59
55	RT	Transmission Outage PG&E	PG&E	Sierra	15-Feb-13	20	Yes	INC	8	14:20	21:59
56	RT	Transmission Outage PG&E	PG&E	Sierra	16-Feb-13	26	No	INC	16	6:25	21:59
57	RT	Transmission Outage PG&E	PG&E	Sierra	17-Feb-13	25	No	INC	16	6:00	21:59
58	RT	Transmission Outage PG&E	PG&E	Sierra	18-Feb-13	24- 66	Yes	INC	16	6:05	21:59
59	RT	Transmission Outage SCE	SCE	LA Basin	23-Feb-13	20- 40	Yes	INC	19	5:00	23:59
60	RT	Transmission Outage SCE	SCE	N/A	5-Feb-13	239	No	INC	12	9:03	20:59
61	RT	Transmission Outage SCE	SCE	N/A	7-Feb-13	173	No	INC	6	18:50	23:59
62	RT	Transmission Outage SCE	SCE	N/A	8-Feb-13	173	No	INC	24	0:00	23:59
63	RT	Transmission Outage SDG&E	SDG&E	San Diego-IV	27-Feb-13	20- 70	Yes	INC	13	11:00	23:59
64	RT	Transmission Outage SDG&E	SDG&E	San Diego-IV	28-Feb-13	150	No	INC	15	7:00	21:59
65	RT	Unit Testing	PG&E	N/A	27-Feb-13	242- 321	Yes	INC	9	8:15	16:59
66	RT	Unit Testing	PG&E	Sierra	8-Feb-13	135	Yes	DEC	1	14:14	14:23

Num ber	Market Type	Reason	Location	Local Reliability Area	Trade Date	MW	Commit ment	INC_DEC	Hours	Begin Time	End Time
67	RT	Unit Testing	PG&E	Sierra	8-Feb-13	4	Yes	INC	2	13:48	14:37
68	RT	Unit Testing	PG&E	Sierra	22-Feb-13	290	No	INC	3	12:30	14:59
69	RT	Unit Testing	SCE	LA Basin	20-Feb-13	47	Yes	INC	1	8:00	8:59
70	RT	Unit Testing	SCE	N/A	15-Feb-13	50- 257	Yes	INC	10	9:50	18:59
71	RT	Unit Testing	SCE	N/A	16-Feb-13	90- 200	Yes	INC	12	7:35	18:59
72	RT	Unit Testing	SCE	N/A	17-Feb-13	92- 202	Yes	INC	13	7:20	19:59
73	RT	Unit Testing	SCE	N/A	20-Feb-13	87	Yes	INC	8	8:10	15:59
74	RT	Unit Testing	SCE	N/A	21-Feb-13	50- 170	Yes	INC	13	8:40	20:59
75	RT	Unit Testing	SCE	N/A	22-Feb-13	90- 270	Yes	INC	7	9:15	15:59
76	RT	Unit Testing	SCE	N/A	23-Feb-13	50- 180	Yes	INC	13	7:50	19:59
77	RT	Unit Testing	SCE	N/A	24-Feb-13	50- 100	Yes	INC	11	7:00	17:59
78	RT	Unit Testing	SCE	N/A	27-Feb-13	85- 245	Yes	INC	13	7:50	19:59
79	RT	Unit Testing	SCE	N/A	28-Feb-13	85- 140	Yes	INC	12	8:45	19:59
80	RT	Voltage Support	PG&E	Fresno	3-Feb-13	83	Yes	INC	6	7:57	12:14
81	RT	Voltage Support	PG&E	Fresno	18-Feb-13	320	Yes	DEC	1	5:00	5:14
82	RT	Voltage Support	PG&E	Fresno	18-Feb-13	318	Yes	INC	1	4:20	4:59
83	RT	Voltage Support	SCE	N/A	9-Feb-13	172	No	INC	23	1:30	23:59

Appendix A: Explanation by Example

All examples listed below are based on fictitious data.

Example 1: Exceptional Dispatch Instructions Prior to DAM

In this fictitious example the ISO issued an exceptional dispatch instruction for resource A to be committed at its physical minimum (Pmin) of 50 MW from hours ending 5 through 10 for a generation procedure 7630. Similarly, the ISO issued additional instructions to resources B and C for the same reason as shown in Table 2. Generally, exceptional dispatches prior to the dayahead market are commitments to minimum load. In this case the dispatch levels are all at minimum load.

Table 2: Instructions Prior to Day-Ahead Market

Date	Market	Resource	Location	Local Reliability Area (LRA)	Begin Time	End Time	Dispatch Level (MW)	Reason
01-Jul-09	DA	Α	SCE	LA BASIN	05:00	10:00	50	7630
01-Jul-09	DA	В	SCE	LA BASIN	08:00	20:00	30	7630
01-Jul-09	DA	С	SCE	LA BASIN	09:00	23:00	20	7630

This data is summarized as shown in Table 3, which is the prescribed format specified in the FERC order on September 2, 2009. This summary classifies the data by reason, resource location, local reliability area, and trade date. The MW column in Table 3 is the range of MW; in this case the minimum instruction MW is 20 MW for resource C which occurs from hours ending 21 through 23. The maximum instruction occurs in hour ending 10. In this hour resource A is committed at 50 MW, resource B is committed at 30 MW and resource C is committed at 20 MW. This adds up to 100 MW. Thus the MW column shows the minimum and maximum of the overlaps of all the exceptional dispatch instructions. The Commitment column shows whether a resource was committed between the begin time and end time. Commitments are broken out separately from energy dispatches. In the day-ahead, however the exceptional dispatches are nearly always just commitments, as in this example. The Begin Time column shows hour ending 5 as this was the hour ending for first dispatch of the day, and the End Time column shows hour ending 23, as this was the hour with last dispatch. It is also possible that there might be some hours between the begin time and the end time where there might not be exceptional dispatch instructions for the given reason, meaning that the range between the begin time and end time can include null hours with no dispatch.

Table 3: FERC Summary of Instructions Prior to DAM

Number	Market Type	Reason	Location	Local Reliability Area (LRA)	Trade Date	MW	Commitment	INC/DEC	Hour	Begin Time	End Time
1	DA	7630	SCE	LA Basin	1-Jul-09	20- 100	Yes	N/A	19	05:00	23:00

Example 2: Incremental Exceptional Dispatch Instructions in RTM

In this fictitious example the ISO issued an exceptional dispatch instruction to resource A to be committed at its Pmin of 30 MW from hours ending 7 through 11 after completion of the day-ahead market for the transmission procedure 7110. This resource did not have a day-ahead award in those hours. The ISO issued another exceptional dispatch instruction to resource B, to be dispatched at 40 MW from hours ending 8 through 9 in real-time for the transmission procedure 7110. This resource had a day-ahead schedule of 20 MW from the day-ahead market, which implies that this exceptional dispatch instruction was an incremental instruction and the exceptional dispatch MW was 20 MW. Similarly, the details of exceptional dispatch (ED) instruction for resource C are shown in Table 4.

Table 4: Incremental Exceptional Dispatch Instructions in RTM

Date	Market	Resource	Location	Local Reliability Area (LRA)	Begin Time	End Time	Dispatch Level (MW)	Day- Ahead Award (MW)	Commitment	INC/DEC	ED (MW)	Reason
01-Jul-09	RT	Α	PG&E	Humboldt	06:00	11:00	30	0	Yes	INC	30	7110
01-Jul-09	RT	В	PG&E	Humboldt	07:00	09:00	40	20	No	INC	20	7110
01-Jul-09	RT	С	PG&E	Humboldt	12:00	15:00	50	50	No	INC	0	7110
01-Jul-09	RT	С	PG&E	Humboldt	16:00	20:00	50	40	No	INC	10	7110

This data is summarized as shown in Table 5 and is classified by reason, resource location, local reliability area, and trade date. The MW column in Table 5 is the range of MW; in this case the minimum instruction MW is 0 MW for resource C which occurs from hours ending 13 through 15. The maximum instruction occurs in hours ending 8 & 9, as during these two hours both resources A and B have an ED MW of 30MW and 20MW, respectively. This adds up to 50 MW. Thus the MW column shows the minimum and maximum of the overlaps of all the exceptional dispatch instructions. The Commitment column shows whether a resource was committed between the begin time and end time. This column shows a commitment if there was a single commitment in the entire interval of exceptional dispatch. The Begin Time column shows the time of the first dispatch of the day. This is a time not a range. Similarly the End Time column shows a time and not a range. Exceptional dispatches occurred between these two times. Since there was a commitment between the begin time and end time then the Commitment column displays yes for the summary. Similarly, the INC/DEC column shows an INC as there was an incremental dispatch between the begin time and end time. As mentioned in the previous example it is possible that there might be some hours between the begin time and end time where there were no exceptional dispatch instructions for the given reason.

Table 5: FERC Summary of ED Instructions in RTM

Number	Market Type	Reason	Location	Local Reliability Area (LRA)	Trade Date	MW	Commitment	INC/DEC	Hour	Begin Time	End Time
1	RT	7110	PG&E	Humboldt	1-Jul-09	0-50	Yes	INC	15	06:00	20:00

Example 3: Decremental Exceptional Dispatch Instructions in RTM

This example highlights decremental exceptional dispatch instructions in the real-time market. In this fictitious example the ISO issued an exceptional dispatch instruction to resource A to be committed at its Pmin of 20 MW from hours ending 15 through 20 after completion of the day-ahead market for the transmission procedure 7430. The ISO issued additional exceptional dispatch instructions for resources B and C; details of those instructions are shown in Table 6.

Table 6: Decremental Exceptional Dispatch Instructions in RTM

Date	Market Type	Resource	Location	Local Reliability Area (LRA)	Begin Time	End Time	Dispatch Level (MW)	Day- Ahead Award (MW)	Commitment	INC/ DEC	ED (MW)	Reason
01-Jul-09	RT	Α	PG&E	Fresno	15:00	20:00	20	0	Yes	INC	20	7430
01-Jul-09	RT	В	PG&E	Fresno	07:00	09:00	40	60	No	DEC	20	7430
01-Jul-09	RT	С	PG&E	Fresno	10:00	14:00	40	50	No	DEC	10	7430

This data is summarized according to FERC convention as shown in Table 7. This summary classifies the data by reason, resource location, local reliability area, and trade date. Please note that inc and dec are broken out separately. The inc entry is self-explanatory and similar to the previous example. Regarding the dec entry the MW column is the range of MW; in this case the minimum dec instruction is 10 MW (actually -10MW as it is a dec) for resource C which occurs from hours ending 10 through 14. The maximum instruction occurs from hours ending 7 through 9, when resource B was issued a dec instruction of 20 MW. Thus the MW column shows the minimum and maximum of the overlaps of all the exceptional dispatch instructions. The Commitment column shows whether a resource was committed between the begin time and end time.

Table 7: FERC Summary of Decremental ED Instructions in RTM

Number	Market Type	Reason	Location	Local Reliability Area (LRA)	Trade Date	MW	Commitment	INC/DEC	Hour	Begin Time	End Time
1	RT	7430	PG&E	Fresno	1-Jul-09	20	Yes	INC	6	15:00	20:00
1	RT	7430	PG&E	Fresno	1-Jul-09	10-20	Yes	DEC	8	07:00	14:00

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have served the foregoing document upon the parties listed on the official service lists in the above-referenced proceedings, in accordance with the requirements of Rule 2010 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 C.F.R. § 385.2010).

Dated at Folsom, California this 15th day of April, 2013.

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