

147 FERC ¶ 61,029  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Before Commissioners: Cheryl A. LaFleur, Acting Chairman;  
Philip D. Moeller, John R. Norris,  
and Tony Clark.

California Independent System  
Operator Corporation

Docket Nos. ER13-2063-000  
ER13-2063-001  
ER14-1004-000

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO EXTEND EFFECTIVE DATE AND REQUEST  
FOR LIMITED WAIVER

(Issued April 9, 2014)

1. On March 26, 2014, the California Independent System Operator Corporation (CAISO) filed a motion to extend the effective date of tariff revisions accepted by the Commission in an order issued on March 20, 2014.<sup>1</sup> In this order, we grant CAISO's motion, as requested, and will extend the effective date of the tariff revisions to May 1, 2014. We also grant CAISO's request for limited waiver of tariff section 27.8.1.
2. On July 30, 2013, as supplemented on October 17, 2013 and January 15, 2014, CAISO filed an amendment to its open access transmission tariff to require certain resources that are operable in multiple configurations to register as multi-stage generation resources. In the March 20 Order, the Commission accepted CAISO's proposed tariff revisions to be effective April 1, 2014.
3. In the motion, CAISO requests that the Commission modify the effective date of the tariff revisions accepted in the March 20 Order. CAISO states that it had originally planned to implement the tariff revisions as part of its Fall 2013 release on November 1, 2013. However, on October 17, 2013, CAISO notified the Commission that it instead planned to implement the tariff amendments on April 1, 2014, to coincide with its Spring 2014 release. CAISO states that it has since shifted the date for its Spring 2014 release from April 1, 2014 to May 1, 2014, to ensure adequate time for testing. CAISO asserts that implementing the mandatory multi-stage requirement on April 1, 2014 would be problematic because this requirement is tied to the other market rule changes being

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<sup>1</sup> *Cal. Indep. Sys. Operator Corp.*, 146 FERC ¶ 61,119 (2014) (March 20 Order).

implemented May 1, 2014.<sup>2</sup> Moreover, given the testing planned during April, CAISO states that it would not be in a position to manage the mass transition of the approximately 40 multi-stage resources that have yet to register with CAISO.<sup>3</sup> Thus, CAISO asserts that good cause exists to modify the effective date of the tariff revisions from April 1, 2014 to May 1, 2014.<sup>4</sup>

4. CAISO requests that the Commission act on its motion by March 31, 2014. To the extent the Commission is unable to grant the motion by March 31, 2014, CAISO requests a limited waiver of the requirement in section 27.8.1 of the tariff that scheduling coordinators for multi-stage resources must register their resources with CAISO. CAISO requests that the waiver run from April 1, 2014 through the date of an order granting the motion.<sup>5</sup> CAISO states that the Commission has previously granted requests for tariff waivers in situations where: (1) the waiver is of limited scope; (2) a concrete problem needed to be remedied; and (3) the waiver did not have undesirable consequences, such as harming third parties.<sup>6</sup> Here, CAISO maintains that the waiver is of limited scope because it will only last from April 1, 2014 until the date of order issuance. CAISO also states that the waiver would address the concrete problem of requiring scheduling coordinators to submit multi-stage parameters in advance of when CAISO actually needs the data. Further, CAISO states that it is unaware of how any party would be harmed if the Commission were to grant the waiver.

5. We will grant CAISO's motion for good cause shown and extend by 30 days the effective date of the tariff revisions that were accepted in the March 20 Order to May 1, 2014. We will also grant CAISO's request for a limited waiver of section 27.8.1 from April 1, 2014 until the date of this order. We find the one-time waiver is appropriate because it will be limited in scope and duration, it will remedy the concrete problem of requiring scheduling coordinators to adhere to an unnecessarily early deadline, and it will

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<sup>2</sup> CAISO Motion at 3 (citing *Cal. Indep. Sys. Operator Corp.*, 146 FERC ¶ 61,217 (2014); *Cal. Indep. Sys. Operator Corp.*, 146 FERC ¶ 61,205 (2014); *Cal. Indep. Sys. Operator Corp.*, 146 FERC ¶ 61,204 (2014)).

<sup>3</sup> CAISO Motion at 4.

<sup>4</sup> *Id.* at 3.

<sup>5</sup> *Id.* at 5.

<sup>6</sup> *Id.* (citing *New York Indep. Sys. Operator, Inc.*, 146 FERC ¶ 61,061, at P 19 (2014); *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*, 141 FERC ¶ 61,103, at P 8 (2012); *ISO New England Inc.*, 134 FERC ¶ 61,182, at P 8 (2011); *Cal. Indep. Sys. Operator Corp.*, 132 FERC ¶ 61,004 (2010)).

have no undesirable consequences for third parties. We also note that no party has opposed the request.

The Commission orders:

(A) The effective date of the tariff revisions that were accepted in the March 20 Order is hereby changed to May 1, 2014.

(B) CAISO's waiver of tariff section 27.8.1 is hereby granted from April 1, 2014 until the date of issuance of this order.

By the Commission.

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Kimberly D. Bose,  
Secretary.