

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Turlock Irrigation District and)	
Modesto Irrigation District)	
)	Docket No. EL99-93-000
California Independent System)	
Operator Corporation)	

ANSWERING TESTIMONY OF
DEBORAH A. LE VINE
ON BEHALF OF THE
CALIFORNIA INDEPENDENT SYSTEM
OPERATOR CORPORATION

1 **Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, TITLE, AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.**

2 A. My name is Deborah A. Le Vine. I am the Director of Contracts for the
3 California Independent System Operator Corporation ("ISO"). My
4 business address is 151 Blue Ravine Road, Folsom, California 95630.

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6 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR PRESENT RESPONSIBILITIES AT THE**
7 **ISO.**

8 A. As the Director of Contracts, I am responsible for negotiation and
9 administration of all *pro forma* agreements executed by Market
10 Participants and reliability agreements executed by certain Generators
11 and/or Loads.

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13 **Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES AT THE ISO?**

14 A. Yes. Since October 1998, I have been the project leader for the ISO's
15 development of a new transmission Access Charge that California
16 Assembly Bill 1890 required be developed.

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18 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL**
19 **BACKGROUND.**

20 A. I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from
21 San Diego State University in San Diego, California in May 1981. In
22 May 1987, I received a Master in Business Administration from

1 Pepperdine University in Malibu, California. Additionally, I am a registered
2 Professional Electrical Engineer in the State of California.

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4 **Q. HAVE YOU PROVIDED TESTIMONY IN OTHER REGULATORY**
5 **PROCEEDINGS?**

6 A. Yes. I have submitted testimony in Docket Nos. ER98-1057-000, *et al.*
7 concerning the ISO's Responsible Participating Transmission Owner
8 Agreements; Docket Nos. ER98-992-000, *et al.* pertaining to the ISO's
9 Participating Generator Agreements ("PGA"); Docket Nos. ER98-1499-
10 000, *et al.* involving the ISO Meter Service Agreements for Scheduling
11 Coordinators and ISO Metered Entities; Docket Nos. ER98-997-000, *et al.*
12 ("QF PGA proceeding"), regarding the application of the ISO's
13 Participating Generator Agreement to qualifying facilities ("QFs"); Docket
14 Nos. ER01-66-000, *et al.* regarding Pacific Gas and Electric Company's
15 Transmission Owner Tariff; Docket Nos. ER00-2019-000, *et al.* involving
16 the ISO's transmission Access Charge filing as required by California
17 State Legislation; Docket Nos. ER00-2360-000, *et al.* regarding the Pacific
18 Gas and Electric Company Reliability Service Tariff; Docket Nos. ER01-
19 66-000, *et al.*, regarding Pacific Gas and Electric Company Transmission
20 Owner Tariff; Docket Nos. ER01-839-000, *et al.* regarding PG&E's
21 transmission Access Charge implementation; Docket Nos. ER01-831-000,
22 *et al.* regarding San Diego Gas & Electric Company's transmission Access
23 Charge implementation; Docket Nos. ER01-832-000, *et al.* regarding

1 Southern California Edison Company's transmission Access Charge
2 implementation, and Docket Nos. ER01-313-000, *et al.* regarding the
3 ISO's position with regard to certain billing determinants for the ISO's Grid
4 Management Charge ("GMC").

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6 **Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?**

7 A. The purpose of this testimony is to respond to the Direct Testimony of
8 Paul G. Scheuerman (Exh. No. TID-1) regarding the requirements that the
9 ISO Tariff imposes as a precondition to the sales of Ancillary Services and
10 Supplemental Energy in the ISO's markets. Mr. Deane Lyon will also
11 respond to portions of Mr. Scheuerman's testimony from an operational
12 perspective.

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14 **Q. AS YOU TESTIFY, WILL YOU BE USING ANY SPECIALIZED TERMS?**

15 A. Yes. I will be using terms defined in the Master Definitions Supplement,
16 Appendix A of the ISO Tariff.

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18 **Q. SUMMARIZE YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE TESTIMONY OF MR.**

19 **SCHEUERMAN.**

20 A. Mr. Scheuerman objects to the requirement that the owner of a
21 Generating Unit located in the ISO's Control Area enter into a PGA with
22 the ISO as a precondition to selling Ancillary Services and Supplemental
23 Energy in the ISO's markets. He asserts that if TID signs a PGA, such an

1 agreement would impose excessive and unnecessary burdens on TID.

2 Further, he contends that the requirement is discriminatory because
3 generating units in other Control Areas, which he claims are similarly
4 situated, are not required to sign PGAs.

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6 **Q. WHAT IS A PGA?**

7 A. The PGA is an agreement between the ISO and a Participating Generator
8 that establishes the terms and conditions for the Generator's participation
9 in the ISO's markets, largely by establishing the applicability of the
10 relevant provisions of the ISO Tariff, and specifically binds the
11 Participating Generator to the terms and conditions of the ISO Tariff. The
12 PGA addresses both a Generating Unit's participation in the ISO's
13 markets and its role in the ISO's operation of the ISO Control Area in a
14 safe and reliable manner in accordance with Good Utility Practice and
15 applicable standards for Control Area operation. The ISO's pro forma
16 PGA is on file with and has been accepted by the Commission.

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18 **Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF A PGA?**

19 A. The PGA was established to facilitate the relationship between the ISO
20 and Generating Units in the ISO Control Area that are interconnected
21 directly or indirectly to the ISO Controlled Grid and that schedule Energy
22 or Ancillary Services. The PGA is part of the series of agreements that,
23 together with the ISO Tariff, were deemed necessary to implement the

1 restructured electric industry in California and the associated competitive
2 market structure for Energy and Ancillary Services. The PGA is applicable
3 to Generators (with the exception of certain types of facilities that have
4 existing power purchase agreements with Utility Distribution Companies or
5 Existing Contracts with Participating TOs) who wish to schedule Energy or
6 participate in the ISO's Supplemental Energy, Congestion Management,
7 or Ancillary Services markets, as applicable, by submitting Schedules and
8 bids through a Scheduling Coordinator to the ISO. The PGA sets out the
9 procedures that the parties agree will govern the manner in which the
10 Participating Generator's facilities will interface with the ISO and the ISO
11 Controlled Grid.

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13 **Q. WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE *PRO FORMA* PGA?**

14 A. First and foremost, the *pro forma* PGA includes an acknowledgement that
15 the reliability of the ISO Controlled Grid depends on the Participating
16 Generator's compliance with the ISO Tariff. The PGA also addresses
17 matters such as Generating Unit technical characteristics, certification
18 requirements, and data requirements relating to major incidents including
19 emergencies that affect the reliability of the ISO Controlled Grid, for which
20 the ISO has responsibility under California law.

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22 **Q. WHY IS THE PGA NECESSARY?**

1 A. The PGA is the mechanism through which the ISO establishes the terms
2 and conditions upon which Generating Units in its Control Area participate
3 in its markets and obtains the necessary rights to direct the operation of
4 Generating Units for it to meet its responsibilities as a Control Area
5 operator. Mr. Lyon will describe the ISO's responsibilities as a Control
6 Area operator.

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8 **Q. MR. SCHEUERMAN STATES THAT A PGA REQUIRES THE**
9 **RELINQUISHMENT OF CONTROL TO THE ISO. DO YOU AGREE?**

10 A. Quite the opposite is true. The organizing principle of the ISO's markets is
11 to give greater flexibility to Market Participants, while preserving the ISO's
12 ability to ensure that reliability is maintained. Indeed, the owner of a
13 Generating Unit retains the flexibility to determine whether, and on what
14 economic terms, to participate in the ISO's markets. The execution of a
15 PGA does not require a municipal utility (or any other Market Participant)
16 to bid the resource into any of the ISO's markets. The Scheduling
17 Coordinator representing that particular Generating Unit is responsible
18 (subject presumably, to the direction of the Generator) for submitting
19 Schedules and bids to the ISO, reflecting the quantities and prices it
20 desires to supply, into the ISO's Ancillary Services, Congestion
21 Management, and Supplemental Energy markets. A Scheduling
22 Coordinator has the flexibility to specify a different set of capability options
23 for its unit from hour to hour because the ISO's markets are conducted on

1 an hourly basis. If the Participating Generator does not want to bid into
2 the ISO markets, then it is not required to do so. If the Participating
3 Generator desires to use its Generating Unit for its own purposes, then it
4 need only tell the ISO that it is self-providing.

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6 **Q. UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES CAN THE ISO EXERCISE**
7 **CONTROL OVER A GENERATING UNIT OWNED BY A**
8 **PARTICIPATING GENERATOR?**

9 A. The ISO is only authorized under the ISO Tariff to exercise control over
10 the operation of Generating Units owned by Participating Generators
11 when a System Emergency has occurred or is imminent. That limitation is
12 explicit in the ISO Tariff language quoted by Mr. Scheuerman. All other
13 references in the ISO Tariff to the ISO's ability to dispatch or curtail a
14 Participating Generator apply only when the Generating Unit has been bid
15 into the ISO's markets or has contracted with the ISO.

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17 Under Western Systems Coordinating Council ("WSCC") criteria, the ISO,
18 as the Control Area operator, needs the ability to exercise control in
19 emergency situations. California law and the ISO Tariff require the ISO, in
20 its role as Control Area operator, to maintain the reliability of the ISO
21 Controlled Grid in accordance with WSCC criteria.

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1 In a data response subsequent to his testimony, which I have attached as
2 Exhibit No. ISO-2, Mr. Scheuerman suggests that, under Section 2.3.1.1.3
3 of the ISO Tariff, the ISO's ability to control the output of Generating Units
4 that are bid into the ISO's markets is not limited to the amount of
5 Generation bid. This is a novel interpretation of the Tariff provision, and
6 one not advanced by any party – including TID – during the Commission
7 proceedings in which this provision was approved. The ISO has never
8 asserted such authority. This is simply not a reasonable interpretation,
9 and provides no basis for concluding that the ISO can exercise excessive
10 control over the Generating Units of Participating Generators.

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12 **Q. WHAT ABOUT THE ISO'S ABILITY TO CONTROL THE SCHEDULING**
13 **OF OUTAGES?**

14 Recently the Commission extended ISO control over Outages of
15 Generating Units. The Commission recognized that the current
16 circumstances in California require greater coordination of Outages.
17 Without this coordination, too many Generating Units out of service
18 simultaneously could jeopardize the reliability of the ISO Control Area.

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20 Nonetheless, the ISO still does not schedule Outages. Under the ISO
21 Tariff, the Participating Generator schedules the Outage in the first
22 instance and seeks ISO approval. Only if the scheduled Outage would
23 interfere with System Reliability may the ISO deny the request. However,

1 even if the ISO denies the initial request, the ISO Outage Coordination
2 Office works with the Participating Generator to determine a mutually
3 agreeable time for the Outage.

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5 Thus, the ISO's ability to exercise control over a Generating Unit is
6 minimal. It is restricted to the control necessary to ensure System
7 Reliability, as recognized by the WSCC, the Commission, and California
8 law.

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10 **Q. MR SCHEUERMAN ALSO OBJECTS TO THE ISO'S REQUIREMENTS**
11 **FOR METERING AND DATA COLLECTION. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE**
12 **OF THOSE REQUIREMENTS?**

13 A. The ISO needs the metering and data information for appropriate
14 monitoring and settlement of Ancillary Services and Imbalance Energy
15 that are bid into the ISO markets. The ISO requires telemetry data (i.e.,
16 real time meter data communicated to the ISO) from each Generating Unit
17 of a Participating Generator so that during the operating hour the ISO's
18 operators can know what the status of the unit is, and if needed compare
19 that to the Generating Unit's Schedule. Mr. Lyon further describes the
20 ISO's need for telemetry data.

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22 The ISO requires revenue-quality meter data in order to ensure that
23 Energy outputs and Ancillary Services are measured as accurately as

1 possible for purposes of crediting and compensating Participating
2 Generators for their power and to ensure that the costs of the services that
3 the ISO provides in the ISO Control Area are appropriately allocated to the
4 responsible Scheduling Coordinator. The ISO allocates costs for ISO
5 charges such as Ancillary Services based on metered Demand in the ISO
6 Control Area. Without meter data, the ISO cannot properly assess costs
7 and substantial cost shifting is likely to occur.

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9 Indeed, the use by all Market Participants, including Participating
10 Generators, of metering equipment that meets common standards is
11 necessary for the ISO to use its automated data collection, settlements,
12 and billing systems, without which it could not operate its extensive and
13 complex markets. It is particularly important that Generating Units have
14 the most accurate metering possible due to the importance of measuring
15 accurately the services they provide in order to ensure that they are
16 compensated properly for those services. In fact, the ISO Tariff requires
17 that meter data from Generating Units of Participating Generators be
18 polled directly by the ISO in order to minimize any possibility that
19 compensation could be made inaccurately. The only exception to the
20 ISO's metering requirements for Generating Units in the ISO Control Area
21 is that Generating Units that continue to operate solely under the terms of
22 pre-existing contracts are not required to adhere to the ISO Tariff metering
23 requirements until those contracts terminate.

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As for generating units providing service to the ISO as System Resources

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in another Control Area, the ISO measures deliveries from those System

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Resources through its intertie metering with the neighboring Control Area,

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and it is the neighboring Control Area operator that is responsible for and

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ultimately delivers Energy to the ISO through its arrangements with those

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generating units. That neighboring Control Area operator must impose its

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own metering requirements on the generating units comprising the System

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Resource in order to obtain assurance that it actually received the Energy

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from the generating units that it delivered to the ISO. Additionally, it is up

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to the neighboring Control Area operator to establish necessary terms and

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conditions with the System Resource to effectuate the delivery to the ISO

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because that Control Area operator is taking the responsibility for that

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transaction regardless of whether the generating unit actually performs.

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Q. DO YOU AGREE WITH MR. SCHEUERMAN'S ESTIMATES OF THE

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COST OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE ISO'S METERING AND DATA

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COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS?

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A. Mr. Scheuerman's estimate of \$500,000 as the cost of installation of ISO

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metering at TID's Generating Units and interconnection points seems

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excessive. While Mr. Scheuerman's testimony provides no basis for his

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estimate, TID has subsequently responded to a data request and provided

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the ISO additional information. On the basis of this information, it is the

1 ISO's understanding that TID has access to fifteen Generating Units and
2 three interconnection points, directly or indirectly, to the ISO Controlled
3 Grid. If we were to assume that the flexibility in the ISO Tariff regarding
4 metering requirements was not applicable, the metering requirements
5 would be as follows. Two of the Generating Units are less than 1 MW and
6 in accordance with Section 5.1.4.1 of the ISO Tariff the ISO's metering
7 requirements would not apply. It is the ISO's understanding that ISO-
8 certified meters are available for a cost of approximately \$3,000 per meter
9 (on the high side) and up to a total of \$10,000 for installation with all costs
10 included if the installation of each meter is contracted to an outside party.
11 Based on these estimates, the total for meter installation would be
12 approximately \$208,000.

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14 However, to date the ISO has worked with Market Participants, including
15 TID, and developed individual metering plans when they make sense. In
16 TID's case, the metering plan would require only a total of nine meters at
17 TID's Generating Units and three meters at the interconnection points.
18 The cost of this configuration would be approximately \$156,000. In
19 addition, the accuracy of the existing current transformers ("CTs") may be
20 questionable if they are not within the metering tolerance and therefore
21 may need to be replaced. The ISO was not able during the visit to verify
22 this CT accuracy. In the July 2001 estimate referenced below TID has
23 included additional CTs costs. Meter accuracy, down to 0.3%, and good

1 metering practice is required by the ISO. Thus, using TID's estimates for
2 this additional equipment, the estimated cost for installation of metering in
3 accordance with the ISO's would rise to \$172,900.

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5 While the ISO acknowledges that engineering costs associated with the
6 installation of new meters may vary considerably depending on the
7 configuration of the affected electrical systems, the ISO would be
8 surprised if those engineering costs were to add up to as much as Mr.
9 Scheuerman's testimony would suggest. If TID were to use internal
10 engineering staff, as I would expect, the costs should be well below this
11 level.

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13 Also, the additional ongoing costs associated with processing the meter
14 data and communicating it to the ISO that Mr. Scheuerman refers to in his
15 testimony are minimal. Because the ISO requires that the meter data from
16 Generating Units and intertie points be polled directly and processed by
17 the ISO's systems, TID's costs in that regard could be as little as \$280.00
18 per month for the communications circuit to the ISO – which may actually
19 result in a savings to TID to the extent that cost is significantly less than
20 TID currently incurs for the reading and processing of the data from its
21 existing metering systems.

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1 The data provided to the ISO in TID's data response consists of two meter
 2 studies (Exhibit Nos. ISO-3 and ISO-4), one study that was done in July
 3 2001 and the other that was done in January 2002. The studies can be
 4 summarized as follows:

	July 2001	January 2002	Total
Number of Meters	12	6	18
Number of Spare Meters	2	2	4
Total Cost of Meters	\$49,000	\$28,000	\$77,000
Total Other Costs			
Outside Engineering	\$23,200	\$6,900	\$30,100
Communication Costs	\$56,000		\$56,000
Additional Equipment	\$16,900	\$128,860	\$145,760
Meter Certification	\$18,000	\$9,000	\$27,000
Installation Labor	\$34,450	\$61,845	\$96,295
Engineering Labor	\$6,150	\$1,700	\$7,850
Contingency	\$20,370	\$23,631	\$44,001
Total	\$224,070	\$259,936	\$484,006
Total Cost/Meter ¹	\$18,089	\$43,321	\$26,500

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 6 ¹ Because TID need not install the spare meters, the cost of the spare meters is not
 7 included in the Total Cost/Meter.
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9 Several items in the foregoing summary stand out as leading to excessive
 10 estimates of TID's projected metering costs. First is the assumption of
 11 20% redundancy for meters. Having two meters as backup is probably
 12 responsible, but four meters is rather excessive. Since ISO inception, the
 13 ISO has seen only a 1% failure rate in the ISO certified meters. TID has
 14 also added an estimated \$145,760 in costs for additional equipment that,
 15 without additional information, might not be required to meet ISO metering
 16 requirements. Other Market Participants who contract for this installation
 17 have reported to the ISO that the cost is \$13,000 per meter maximum,

1 without economies of scale or internal expertise. In addition to an already
2 inflated number, 10% or \$44,001 has been added for contingency.
3 Finally, as admitted in TID's January 2002 study, "... it was agreed during
4 these meetings with the ISO that existing metering points which record the
5 total plant delivery would be acceptable." Thus the entire January 2002
6 study identifying an additional estimated cost of \$259,936 calculates a
7 cost that is not needed to meet the ISO's metering requirements.

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9 **Q. MR SCHEUERMAN ASSERTS THAT IF TID SIGNED A PGA, IT**
10 **WOULD HAVE TO SCHEDULE ITS ENTIRE LOAD INTO THE ISO'S**
11 **SA/SI SYSTEM, IS THIS CORRECT?**

12 **A.** No. The PGA involves the obligations of Generators, not Loads. If TID
13 executed the PGA, it could participate in the ISO's markets by bidding
14 Ancillary Services (with an associated Energy bid) or Supplemental
15 Energy. Each of these products is bid separately into the ISO's markets,
16 although the Energy bids associated with Ancillary Services and the
17 Supplemental Energy bids go into the same bid stack (the "BEEP stack")
18 that the ISO uses to dispatch Imbalance Energy. There is no requirement
19 that a Scheduling Coordinator representing TID's Generation submit a
20 Load Schedule in order to make bids.

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22 If, however, TID were to participate in the ISO's markets as a seller of
23 Imbalance Energy without scheduling its internal Load and the Generation

1 serving that Load, the ISO would not be able accurately to determine how
2 much of TID's metered Generation was Imbalance Energy and how much
3 was being used to serve TID's internal Load. Thus, the ISO would hope
4 and expect that, under such circumstances, TID would schedule its
5 internal Load through a Scheduling Coordinator.
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7 **Q. MR SCHEUERMAN ASSERTS THAT, AS A RESULT OF EXECUTING A**
8 **PGA, TID WOULD BE BILLED THE ISO'S GRID MANAGEMENT**
9 **CHARGE, UNACCOUNTED FOR ENERGY CHARGES, NEUTRALITY**
10 **ADJUSTMENT CHARGES, REPLACEMENT RESERVE CHARGES,**
11 **AND POSSIBLY WHEELING ACCESS CHARGES, IN CONNECTION**
12 **WITH LOAD SERVED BY INTERNAL GENERATION. IS THIS**
13 **ASSERTION CORRECT?**

14 **A.** No. These charges have nothing to do with the execution of a PGA. They
15 have to do with scheduling and bidding into the ISO's markets. If by
16 executing the PGA, TID then bids into the ISO's Supplemental Energy or
17 Ancillary Services markets, then that sale incurs the Ancillary Services
18 and Real-Time Energy Operations ("ASREO") component of the Grid
19 Management Charge. Other than that all charges referenced by Mr.
20 Scheuerman are assessed on Load, not Generation. Therefore TID would
21 not incur these charges simply because it executes a PGA.
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1 As I have described previously, however, the ISO would expect that –
2 even absent a requirement to do so – TID would schedule and meter its
3 internal Load. In that case, TID’s internal Load will be assessed additional
4 charges. An important component of TID’s responsibility for various
5 charges in connection with its internal Load would be section 2.2.4.3(b) of
6 the ISO Metering Protocol, which prohibits the netting of Load and
7 Generating Unit output. I would point out, however, that TID did not even
8 protest the applicability of this provision to all Participating Generators
9 when it was proposed, although it participated in the proceeding involving
10 the PGA, which was resolved by settlement. Similarly the applicability of
11 the GMC to the internal Load of municipalities is at issue in Docket No.
12 ER01-313, which is pending an initial decision by Judge McCartney. TID
13 did not even submit testimony in that proceeding but participated in the
14 settlement and litigation processes.

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16 The fact that TID’s Load might be subject to additional charges, however,
17 is not a valid basis for concluding that the ISO is treating TID unfairly. The
18 charges that would ensue if TID scheduled and metered its internal Load
19 would be both appropriate and less than that described by Mr.
20 Scheuerman.

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22 **Q. DESPITE THE TENUOUS CONNECTION BETWEEN THE PGA AND**
23 **THE CHARGES MR. SCHEUERMAN DESCRIBES, COULD YOU**

1 **PLEASE DESCRIBE THE GRID MANAGEMENT CHARGES TO WHICH**
2 **TID'S INTERNAL LOAD WOULD BE SUBJECT?**

3 A. As proposed for 2002, the ISO's current GMC consists of three
4 components: the ASREO Charge, the Congestion Management Charge,
5 and the Control Area Services Charge. The ASREO Charge is allocated
6 according to sales and purchases in the ISO's markets, not according to
7 metered Generation or Demand. Accordingly, TID would be charged
8 according to its market activity, regardless of whether it signs a PGA.
9 Because TID's schedules for its internal Load served by internal
10 Generation would not require transmission across an ISO Inter-Zonal
11 Interface, TID's internally served Load would not pay the Congestion
12 Management Charge – regardless of whether TID executes a PGA. The
13 ISO has proposed to charge the Control Area Services Charge according
14 to Control Area Gross Load, i.e., to all Load in the ISO Control Area,
15 because all such Load benefits from the ISO's services including ensuring
16 Control Area reliability. The propriety of the ISO's proposal is one subject
17 of Docket ER01-313. Regardless of the outcome, however, TID's
18 responsibility will not be affected by whether it signs a PGA. In cases in
19 which the ISO has no gross metering data on Load, the ISO's proposal
20 allocates the charges based on an estimate of the Load.

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22 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE UNACCOUNTED FOR ENERGY CHARGES**
23 **FOR WHICH TID WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE.**

1 A. Unaccounted for Energy (“UFE”) is the difference between the amount of
2 Energy delivered into the Service Area of a Utility Distribution Company
3 (“UDC”) and the actual metered Demand within the Service Area. It is
4 billed according to Demand within a UDC Service Area in proportion to the
5 Service Area’s contribution to overall UFE. Therefore it is essential for the
6 sake of an accurate UFE calculation and resultant charges that the ISO
7 have the ability to calculate the TID Service Area Load, one component of
8 which is the required quality and quantity of Generating Unit metering. To
9 the extent TID continues to operate under the terms of its Interconnection
10 Agreement with PG&E, it is the terms of that agreement that will govern
11 the assessment of UFE charges that are allocated to TID’s Load.
12 Moreover, if TID were also to become a UDC in addition to executing a
13 PGA, it would not be subject to allocation of a pro rata share of PG&E’s
14 UFE charges by the ISO but would instead be responsible only for its own
15 UFE.

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17 **Q. COULD YOU PLEASE DESCRIBE THE NEUTRALITY CHARGES FOR**
18 **WHICH TID WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE?**

19 A. The neutrality charge is an allocation in order to assure that the ISO
20 remains cash neutral. Elements include charges and credits for rounding,
21 penalties, amounts required to reach an accounting balance of zero,
22 amounts required for payment adjustment for regulating Energy, and
23 awards payable to or by the ISO pursuant to good faith negotiations or

1 ADR. Neutrality is charged to Scheduling Coordinators based on the
2 metered Demands they represent, not Generation output.

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4 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE REPLACEMENT RESERVES FOR WHICH TID**
5 **WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE.**

6 A. Under WSCC criteria, the ISO’s “load responsibility” constitutes all firm
7 Load Demand in the Control Area – including that of TID. The ISO must
8 ensure that there are sufficient Operating Reserves at all times for the
9 Load. Because the ISO must replenish those reserves if it calls upon
10 them to provide Imbalance Energy, the ISO must have Replacement
11 Reserves available. Because TID’s internal Load benefits from the
12 reliability of the Control Area, it is appropriate for it to bear responsibility
13 for a portion of the Replacement Reserves, regardless of whether TID
14 signs a PGA.

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16 That does not mean, however, that TID must pay the ISO for Replacement
17 Reserves. As with Operating Reserves, TID can self-provide the
18 Replacement Reserves and avoid any charges – or it can obtain those
19 Replacement Reserves from PG&E if the terms of its Interconnection
20 Agreement, or any other arrangement it can negotiate with PG&E, obligate
21 PG&E to provide those Replacement Reserves to the ISO.

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1 **Q. MR. SCHEUERMAN ALSO ASSERTS THAT TID WOULD BE BILLED**
2 **THE WHEELING ACCESS CHARGE IN CONNECTION WITH LOAD**
3 **THAT IS SERVED BY INTERNAL GENERATION. IS THIS CORRECT?**

4 A. No. The Wheeling Access Charge is assessed on a net basis. TID's
5 internal Load that is served by internal Generation would therefore not
6 bear any Wheeling Access Charges.

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8 **Q. WHAT DO YOU CONCLUDE ABOUT MR. SCHEUERMAN'S**
9 **ASSERTIONS REGARDING THE COSTS IMPOSED UPON TID AS A**
10 **RESULT OF EXECUTING A PGA?**

11 A. As I have discussed, Mr. Scheuerman's estimates appear quite excessive.
12 Even if they were correct, however, I do not see how these costs would
13 discourage TID from executing a PGA. Mr. Scheuerman estimates annual
14 costs of \$3.3 million, and a one time cost of \$500,000 for metering – a
15 total of \$3.8 million in the first year and \$3.3 million per year thereafter.
16 He also estimates that TID has lost \$4.6 million in annual revenues. Thus,
17 according to Mr. Scheuerman's estimates, if TID were to sign a PGA, it
18 would net \$800,000 in the first year and \$1.3 million per year thereafter. I
19 do not see how these costs would discourage TID from signing a PGA.

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21 **Q. MR. SCHEUERMAN CLAIMS THAT THE ISO'S POLICY IS**
22 **DISCRIMINATORY. DO YOU AGREE?**

1 A. No. The ISO requires all Generators with Generating Units within the ISO
2 Control Area, including municipal utilities with Generating Units that are
3 located within their service territories, to sign a PGA in order to participate
4 in the ISO's markets. TID's Generating Units are similarly situated to such
5 Generating Units, so to exempt TID would itself be discriminatory.
6 Additionally, without the execution of the PGA, the ISO has no contractual
7 mechanism to require Generators in its Control Area, such as TID, to
8 perform based on their bids and to settle for any bids accepted by the ISO.
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10 Indeed, there is really no basis for distinguishing TID from the Utility
11 Distribution Companies, Southern California Edison Company, Pacific Gas
12 and Electric Company , and San Diego Gas & Electric Company.
13 Distribution companies may have Generating Units that are, for example,
14 located on their Distribution Systems and serve Loads on the Distribution
15 System. That portion of their Load therefore is served by "internal"
16 Generation in the same manner as TID's. Because these companies rely
17 on the ISO Controlled Grid for the reliability and associated services
18 necessary to serve the Load, the ISO Tariff does not distinguish Load
19 served by Generation connected at the Distribution System level
20 differently from other Load. These companies also self-provide Ancillary
21 Services, as TID asserts it does, but that circumstance does not relieve
22 them from the obligation of executing PGAs for their Generating Units or

1 from compliance with the ISO Tariff. There is no basis for treating TID
2 differently than these companies. To do so would be discriminatory

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4 **Q. MR. SCHEUERMAN ALLEGES, HOWEVER, THAT TID IS SIMILARLY**
5 **SITUATED TO SYSTEM RESOURCES, WHICH ARE NOT REQUIRED**
6 **TO SIGN A PGA. IS HE CORRECT?**

7 A. No. The situations that Mr. Scheuerman compares are fundamentally
8 different. System Resources are resources located outside the ISO
9 Control Area that can provide Energy or Ancillary Services to the ISO
10 Control Area and where the Control Area operator is taking on the
11 obligation to serve the trade if the generating unit has an outage between
12 when the Control Area check-out is performed and the operating hour.
13 Unlike TID's Generating Units, System Resources do not operate within
14 the ISO Control Area. Utilities that own System Resources do not benefit
15 from the ISO's operation of its Control Area in the same way that utilities
16 within the Control Area do. Instead, owners of System Resources
17 schedule transactions at the ISO's Control Area boundaries through which
18 they send Energy or Ancillary Services to the ISO. As Control Area
19 operator, the ISO's obligations with respect to such external resources are
20 fundamentally different than with respect to internal resources, and it is
21 entirely appropriate that its rights with respect to those resources be
22 different. Mr. Lyon describes those differences in greater detail.

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1 **Q. ARE THERE OTHER REASONS WHY MR. SCHEUERMAN'S**
2 **ASSERTIONS OF DISCRIMINATION FAIL?**

3 A. Yes. Mr. Scheuerman fails to recognize that there are certain
4 corresponding disadvantages to operating as a System Resource under
5 the ISO Tariff. The Tariff places limitations on bidding by System
6 Resources into the ISO markets. These are restrictions that are not
7 placed on Participating Generators within the ISO Control Area, including
8 special requirements for supplying Regulation and a limitation on the total
9 amount of the ISO's requirements for Spinning and Non-Spinning
10 Reserves that can be supplied from generators outside the ISO's Control
11 Area. Additionally, System Resources are limited by the transfer
12 capability between the two Control Areas.

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14 **Q. MR. SCHEUERMAN CITES THE RECENT DECISION OF**
15 **ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE LEVENTHAL REGARDING THE**
16 **APPLICABILITY OF THE ISO'S *PRO FORMA* PGA TO QFS, AND**
17 **ASSERTS THAT, FROM A RELIABILITY STANDPOINT, TID'S**
18 **SITUATION IS ANALOGOUS.**

19 A. The ISO does agree that a municipal utility's internal Load served by
20 municipally owned internal Generation within the ISO Control Area and
21 on-site Load served by QF Generation within the ISO Control Area are
22 similar from a reliability standpoint in that they are both part of the ISO's

1 WSCC Load responsibility. For this reason, the ISO believes that Judge
2 Leventhal's decision was wrongly decided and has filed exceptions.

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4 That being said, I will leave it to the lawyers to debate what relevance and
5 weight Judge Leventhal's decision has to this proceeding. I would note,
6 however, that Modesto Irrigation District filed testimony in the QF PGA
7 proceeding regarding the parallels between QF service to on-site Load
8 and municipally owned internal Generation serving municipal Load. SCE
9 moved to strike the testimony, arguing that the municipal Generation and
10 Load was not analogous to QF Generation and Load. A copy of SCE's
11 motion is attached as Exh. ISO-2. Judge Leventhal granted the motion in
12 part. He stated:

13 Similarly, MID admits that MID-2, MID-3, and MID-4, are included
14 because "[t]hese three exhibits demonstrate that the gross versus
15 net billing issue has implications beyond this proceeding. . . ."
16 MID's Answer at p. 5. Contrary to MID's intent, this statement lends
17 further support to SCE's and ISO's position that the material is
18 outside the scope of this proceeding. In essence, MID is
19 attempting to include material in order to get a ruling to use in later
20 litigation. It would be difficult to find a more fitting example of
21 improper testimony and exhibits on the ground that it would confuse
22 the record in the instant proceeding.

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24 From a lay person's perspective, it seems that TID is trying to do just what
25 Judge Leventhal was trying to avoid.

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27 **Q. MR. SCHEUERMAN ASSERTS THAT THE ISO HAS ARBITRARILY**
28 **IMPOSED PRECONDITIONS IN ORDER TO EXCLUDE TID FROM THE**

1 **ISO'S MARKETS AND FORCE TID TO JOIN THE ISO. IS THIS**
2 **CORRECT?**

3 A. The ISO certainly believes that the availability of reliable,
4 nondiscriminatory transmission service would be enhanced if TID and
5 other municipal utilities were to join the ISO. My internal confidential
6 memorandum that Mr. Scheuerman attaches to his testimony reflects that
7 fact. Neither the memorandum nor any ISO policy, however, proposes to
8 create obstacles to participation in the ISO's markets in order to achieve
9 that end. (I would note that the memorandum was inadvertently disclosed
10 and all parties receiving the memorandum were immediately asked to
11 destroy the memo without viewing it. TID has declined requests that the
12 released copies be destroyed, despite the irrelevance to this proceeding.)

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14 The ISO is not "excluding" TID from its markets by requiring TID to sign a
15 PGA. If TID signed a PGA without joining the ISO, it could participate in
16 the ISO's markets in the same manner as if it joined the ISO, i.e., turned
17 its transmission facilities over to the Operational Control of the ISO. There
18 would be no requirements imposed on TID by the PGA that would be
19 more onerous than if TID joined the ISO; accordingly, the concept that the
20 requirement that TID sign a PGA is intended to force the TID to join the
21 ISO is baseless.

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1 **Q. WOULD SIGNING A PGA INTERFERE WITH TID'S OPERATION AS A**
2 **VERTICALLY INTEGRATED UTILITY?**

3 A. No. I have explained the PGA does not interfere with TID's day-to-day
4 control or operation of its Generating Units. Further, as I noted above, TID
5 could sign a PGA without giving the ISO Operational Control of its
6 transmission facilities or its contractual entitlements to receive
7 transmission service from existing Participating Transmission Owners.
8 The point is that, contrary to the implications of Mr. Scheuerman's
9 testimony, a utility that owns Generating Units can execute a PGA so that
10 it can sell excess output from those Generating Units in the ISO's markets
11 even if it does not wish also to execute the Transmission Control
12 Agreement. Such a utility would be a Participating Generator, but not a
13 Participating Transmission Owner.

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15 Moreover, executing a PGA does not obligate a utility (municipal or
16 otherwise) to buy Energy or Ancillary Services through the ISO's markets
17 or to become a Utility Distribution Company – it can continue to supply its
18 own needs from its own resources, including bilateral contracts it enters
19 into, while selling excess Energy and capacity through the ISO, when and
20 if it chooses.

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22 **Q. HAVE OTHER MUNICIPALITIES OPERATING AS INTEGRATED**
23 **UTILITIES EXECUTED PGAs?**

1 A. Yes. Other municipalities have executed the PGA and other requisite
2 agreements and are participating in the ISO's markets. They have done
3 so without compromising their ability to operate integrated utility systems
4 within the ISO's Control Area.

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6 **Q. DOES TID HAVE OTHER OPTIONS?**

7 A. Yes, TID could form its own Control Area. For example, the Sacramento
8 Municipal Utility District has stated that it will operate as a Control Area by
9 this summer. The City of Pasadena, on the other hand, operated as a
10 separate Control Area for many years, until July 22, 1999, when it de-
11 certified its separate Control Area and became part of the ISO Control
12 Area. Now, Pasadena's Loads and resources are operated as an integral
13 part of the ISO Control Area. Rather than bidding as a System Resource,
14 as it had previously done as a separate Control Area, Pasadena executed
15 a Participating Generator Agreement ("PGA") for its Generating Units and
16 currently bids in the ISO's markets from those units. TID has exactly the
17 same opportunity to bid in the ISO's markets if it signs a PGA. Moreover,
18 the ISO has made arrangements with Pasadena to continue to
19 accommodate the municipality's Existing Contracts even while Pasadena
20 participates in the ISO's markets.

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22 TID could also join the ISO. Under recent proposed revisions to the ISO
23 Tariff, which are pending in Docket No. ER00-2019-000, TID could qualify

1 as a Metered Subsystem, which would allow it the benefits of participation
2 in the ISO while preserving considerable flexibility in the operation of its
3 Generation. Indeed, joining the ISO could have significant financial
4 benefits to TID, because its Transmission Revenue Requirement would be
5 included in the calculation of the Access Charge, and spread to other ISO
6 customers.

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8 **Q. THANK YOU, THERE ARE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS.**