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The Honorable Magalie Roman Salas Secretary Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20426 OFFICE OF THE SCORE DATA

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Re: San Diego Gas & Electric Company v. Sellers of Energy and Ancillary Services Into Markets Operated by the California Independent System Operator and the California Power Exchange Docket Nos. EL00-95-000, et al.

Dear Secretary Salas:

The California Independent System Operator Corporation ("ISO")¹ respectfully submits this filing in compliance with the Commission's February 27, 2002 "Order Accepting Compliance Filing and Directing Further Compliance Filing" issued in the above-captioned dockets. *San Diego Gas & Electric Company, et al.*, 98 FERC ¶ 61,202 ("February 27th Order").

I. BACKGROUND

In its April 26, 2001 Order issued in this proceeding, the Commission held that the "ISO must be provided the authority to achieve greater systematic control over all units . . . that the ISO must dispatch, i.e., those units that have signed PGAs." Accordingly, the Commission directed the ISO to make a tariff filing within 15 days of the April 26th Order proposing a mechanism for coordination and control of such outages, including periodic reports to the Commission, consistent with the discussion in the order. On May 11, 2001, the ISO filed Tariff changes to comply with the April 26th Order.

Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein are used in the meaning set forth in the Master Definitions Supplement, Appendix A to the ISO Tariff.

San Diego Gas & Electric Company v. Sellers of Energy and Ancillary Services in Markets Operated by the California Independent System Operator and the California Power Exchange, et al., 95 FERC ¶ 61,115, at 61,355 (2001) ("April 26th Order")

On September 27, 2001, the ISO submitted a motion to expedite consideration of the provisions of the May 11, 2001 compliance filing concerning outage coordination.

On October 23, 2001, the Commission issued an order⁴ on the outage coordination provisions of the ISO's May 11, 2001 compliance filing. That order (1) directed the ISO to report questionable outages to the Commission within seven days of the occurrence of the outage, (2) to amend Tariff Section 2.3.3.9.5 to include a list of all factors the ISO considers when evaluating an outage to determine if it is questionable; (3) rejected without prejudice the ISO's use of "significant market impacts" as a criterion for canceling scheduled generator maintenance outages; (4) rejected the ISO's proposal to require 120 hours' advance notice and directed the ISO to retain its existing 72-hour advance notice requirement, and (5) directed the ISO to remove a provision requiring the ISO to coordinate outages in accordance with state law.

On November 7, 2001, the ISO submitted (1) Tariff changes to comply with the Commission's October 23 Order and (2) a copy of a proposed form for generators to use when reporting outages to the ISO.

On February 27, 2002 the Commission issued an order⁵ accepting the changes to the ISO Tariff proposed in the ISO's November 7, 2001 compliance filing. Noting that some of the information the ISO requested in the ISO's outage reporting form was already available at the ISO, the Commission directed that

...notwithstanding our acceptance of the proposed reporting form, we believe that the ISO, in its role of monitoring forced outages, should have a system in place that ties its existing data systems together. This would enable it to quickly gather the outage information that it already has access to rather than requiring generators to file it. Accordingly, we direct the ISO to develop a system for doing so and to file a revised form with the Commission within 90 days of this order.

February 27 Order at 4.

The instant filing contains (1) a revised outage form and (2) a description of the system the ISO has put into place to collect and analyze information related to generator outages.

⁵ Order Accepting Compliance Filing and Directing Further Compliance Filing, 98 FERC 61,202 (2002) ("February 27 Order).

⁴ Order Accepting in Part and Rejecting in Part Portion of Compliance Filing Related to Outage Coordination 97 FERC 61,066 (2001) ("October 23 Order).

II. OUTAGE REPORTING FORM

Working with Mr. Charles Reusch from the Commission's Market Oversight and Enforcement office, the ISO has developed a revised outage reporting form that generators will use to report outages both to the ISO and to Commission Staff. That form is included as Attachment A.

III. OUTAGE DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS

Examining an outage to determine if that generator outage was legitimate or intended to manipulate the market requires collecting engineering information (e.g. a unit's maintenance history and current physical condition), operations information (e.g. outage schedules and requests for outages) and market information (e.g. bidding patterns for that unit and for other units owned or controlled by the same entity). The ISO's Outage Coordination office is responsible for collecting and analyzing the engineering and operations information, while the ISO's Department of Market Analysis (DMA) is responsible for collecting and analyzing the market information. Ultimately, input from both organizations may be necessary to determine if an outage is questionable.

DMA has developed an automated system that examines bidding practices to look for changes in bidding behavior and any corresponding changes in market outcomes. If DMA observes an event or pattern that warrants further examination, DMA will contact the Outage Coordination office to request information on any outages that may have occurred concurrent with the observed changes.

Similarly, if the Outage Coordination office receives information that suggests an outage may be questionable, it will report that questionable outage to DMA and request DMA investigate the bidding practices of that market participant and the performance of the markets during that time.

Attachment B shows the process by which DMA and the Outage Coordination office separately examine outages, bidding behavior and market performance and then coordinate their efforts should further investigation be warranted.

Should DMA, the Outage Coordination office, or both conclude that an outage is questionable, the ISO will report that outage to FERC as directed in the October 23 Order.

Two additional copies of this filing are enclosed to be date-stamped and returned to our messenger. If there are any questions concerning this filing, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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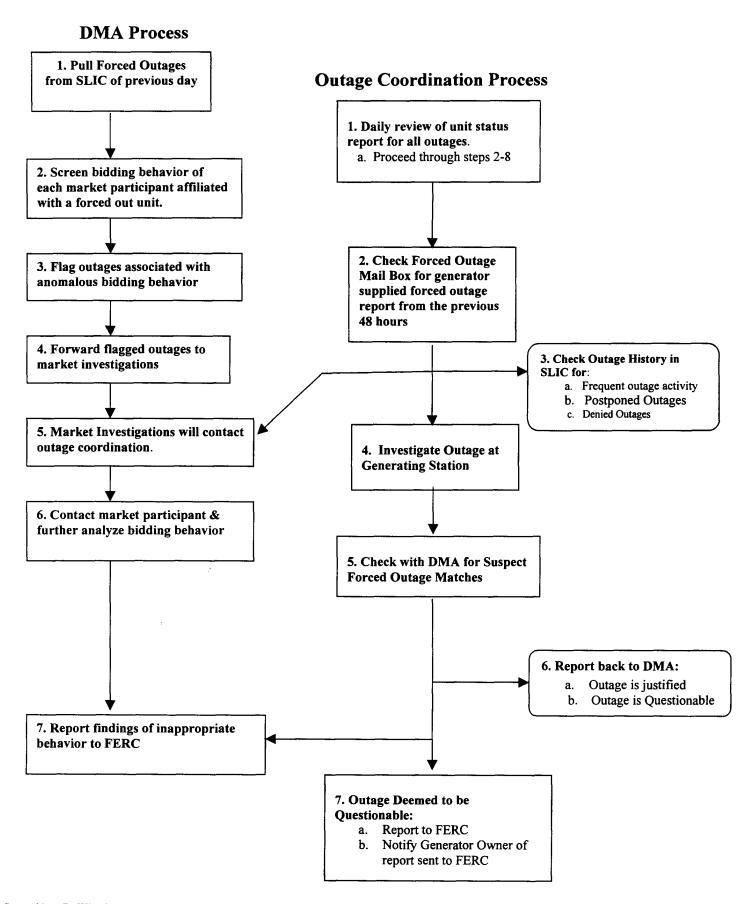
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ATTACHMENT B

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California, upon all parties of the official service lists maintained by the Secretary for Docket Nos. EL00-95-000, et al., and upon all entities that have entered into Participating Generator Agreements with the ISO.

Dated at Folsom, California, this 28th day of May, 2002.

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