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

In the Matter of the Application of	)	
Southern California Edison Company	)	Application 09-05-027
(U-338-E) for a Certificate of Public	)	(Filed May 28, 2009)
Convenience and Necessity for the	)	
Eldorado-Ivanpah Transmission Project	)	

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

The California Independent System Operator Corporation hereby files this motion for party status in the above-captioned proceeding in accordance with Rules 1.4 and 11.1 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

#### I. BACKGROUND AND STATEMENT OF INTEREST

The ISO is a not for profit, public benefit corporation charged with reliably operating the high voltage transmission facilities that have been turned over to its operational control by participating transmission owners, including SCE and the other investor-owned California electric companies. Among other things, as an independent system operator the ISO processes requests to interconnect to the ISO Controlled Grid from generation resources seeking to deliver energy and capacity to the ISO in accordance with the procedures described in FERC Order 2003<sup>1</sup> and set forth in detail in the ISO tariff.<sup>2</sup>

In its generator interconnection process, the ISO evaluated the electrical need for the Eldorado-Ivanpah Transmission Project (EITP) to connect renewable generation in the ISO queue to the grid. Thus, the ISO has a unique interest in this proceeding that cannot be represented by another party, and its participation at this stage will not delay the process and will serve to advance the record. It is appropriate that the ISO be granted party status for the purposes of submitting comments and reply comments on the

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Standardization of Generator Interconnection Agreements and Procedures, Order 2003, Stats. & Regs.¶ 31,146, 68 Fed. Reg. 49, 846 (August 19, 2003).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Tariff Section 25 and Appendices S, U, W, and Y.

Proposed Decision of ALJ DeAngelis and the Alternate Proposed Decision of Commissioner Peevey.<sup>3</sup>

#### II. SERVICE

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#### III. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, the ISO respectfully requests that the Commission grant this motion to become a party to this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The ISO timely submitted comments and reply comments on December 6 and 13, 2010, respectively.

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on December 15, 2010 I served, by electronic and United States mail, a copy of the foregoing MOTION OF THE CALIFORNIA INDEPENDENT SYSTEM OPERATOR CORPORATION FOR PARTY STATUS to each party in Docket No. A.09-05-027.

Executed on December 15, 2010 at Folsom, California

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