

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

Los Esteros Critical Energy Facility, LLC)

Docket No. ER06-268-000

**MOTION TO INTERVENE OF THE
CALIFORNIA INDEPENDENT SYSTEM OPERATOR CORPORATION**

Pursuant to Rule 214 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“Commission”), 18 C.F.R. § 385.214 (2005), the California Independent System Operator Corporation (“CAISO”) submits this Motion to Intervene in the captioned proceeding. In support thereof, the CAISO states as follows:

I. Statement of Issues

1. The Commission should grant the CAISO’s motion to intervene in the captioned proceeding, as the CAISO is a party to the agreement at issue in the proceeding and, therefore, has a direct and substantial interest that cannot be adequately represented by any other party.

II. Description of the Proceeding

On November 30, 2005, Los Esteros Critical Energy Facility, LLC (“LECEF”) submitted, pursuant to Section 205 of the Federal Power Act (“FPA”), revisions to certain of the rate schedules under its Reliability Must-Run Service Agreement (“RMR Agreement”) between LECEF and the CAISO for the Los Esteros Facility (“LECEF Facility”) (“LECEF 2006 RMR Filing”). LECEF requests a January 1, 2006 effective date for the revised schedules.

Additionally, LECEF submitted an informational filing in support of the proposed changes to its Annual Fixed Revenue Requirement (“AFRR”), pursuant to Schedule F of LECEF’s RMR Agreement (“Schedule F Filing”).

The Commission issued a Combined Notice of Filings, setting December 21, 2005 as the comment date for interventions and protests in this proceeding. 1/

III. Description of the CAISO and Communications

The CAISO is a non-profit public benefit corporation organized under the laws of the State of California with a principal place of business at 151 Blue Ravine Road, Folsom, CA 95630. The CAISO is the Control Area Operator responsible for the reliable operation of a grid comprising of the transmission systems of a number of public utilities including Pacific Gas and Electric Company (“PG&E”), as well as the coordination of the ancillary services and real-time electricity markets in California.

The CAISO requests that all communications and notices concerning this motion and these proceedings be provided to:

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IV. Motion to Intervene

The LECEF Facility is located within PG&E’s transmission system and is needed to maintain the reliability of such system. As the Control Area Operator responsible for maintaining reliability of the PG&E transmission system and as the counter party to the LECEF RMR Agreement, the CAISO has a unique interest in any Commission proceeding concerning proposed changes to the RMR Agreement. Accordingly, the CAISO has a direct and substantial interest in the proposed changes in this proceeding and requests that it be permitted to intervene with full rights of a party. Because no other party can adequately represent the CAISO’s interests in this proceeding, the CAISO’s intervention is in the public interest and should be granted.

V. Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, the CAISO respectfully requests that the Commission grant the CAISO’s motion to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding with full rights of a party.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: December 21, 2005

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this 21st day of December, 2005 caused to be served a copy of the forgoing Motion to Intervene upon all parties listed on the official service list compiled by the Secretary of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in this proceeding.

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