

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

Revised Public Utility Filing Requirements) Docket No. RM01-8-000
Electric Quarterly Reports) Docket No. ER02-2001-000

**EMERGENCY MOTION OF THE CALIFORNIA INDEPENDENT
SYSTEM OPERATOR CORPORATION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
TO FILE CORRECTED ELECTRIC QUARTERLY REPORT, AND
REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED ACTION**

Pursuant to Rule 212 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("Commission"), 18 C.F.R. § 385.212, the California Independent System Operator Corporation ("CAISO") requests leave to submit its corrected Fourth Quarter 2002 Electric Quarterly Report ("EQR") after it has had the opportunity to participate in and absorb the guidance provided by the Commission's April 11, 2003 EQR Workshop.

I. Background

On April 25, 2002, Commission issued Order 2001,¹ amending its filing requirements under the Federal Power Act to require public utilities to file electronically Electric Quarterly Reports summarizing the contractual terms and conditions in their agreements for all jurisdictional services (including market-based power sales, cost-based power sales, and transmission service) and transaction information for short-term

¹ *Revised Public Utility Filing Requirements*, Order No. 2001, 67 FR 31043, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,127 (April 25, 2002); *reh'g denied*, Order No. 2001-A, 100 FERC ¶ 61,074, *reconsideration and clarification denied*, Order No.2001-B, 100 FERC ¶ 61,342 (2002). See also *Revised Public Utility Filing Requirements*, Order No. 2001-C, 101 FERC ¶ 61,314 (2002), and Order No. 2001-D, 102 FERC ¶ 61,334 (2003).

and long-term market-based power sales and cost-based power sales during the most recent calendar quarter.

On February 21, 2003, the CAISO submitted its Fourth Quarter 2002 EQR.

On March 24, 2003, the Commission issued a “Notice of Electric Quarterly Reports Workshop.” The Workshop is intended to allow Commission staff to explain and demonstrate improvements to the EQR software and “lessons learned” from the Fourth Quarter 2002 EQR experience. In addition, as described in an April 4, 2003 “Notice Providing Further Details on Electric Quarterly Reports Workshop,” the Commission stated that it “is interested in soliciting questions and/or comments regarding the EQR Submission and Dissemination Systems in advance of, as well as during, the Workshop.” April 4, 2003 Notice at 1.

On March 28, 2003, the Commission issued Order 2000-D, which required that public utilities file corrected Fourth Quarter EQRs by April 11, 2003.

II. Argument

The CAISO seeks an extension until April 25, 2003 to submit its corrected Fourth Quarter 2002 EQR. The CAISO requests this extension due to the difficulties it has had in interpreting the Commission’s guidance on the details of how the EQR is to be completed – confusion that the CAISO hopes and expects will be alleviated as a result of the Commission’s April 11, 2003 EQR Workshop.² Since the corrected EQR is due on the same day as the Workshop is being held, the CAISO cannot hope to apply any guidance provided by the Workshop to a corrected EQR to be filed that same day. The

² In this regard, the CAISO has followed the suggestion of the Commission in the April 4 Notice by submitting questions to Commission staff in advance of the Workshop. The CAISO does not believe it could submit an accurate, complete corrected EQR without answers to the questions it has submitted.

requested extension will allow the CAISO to digest and apply the direction provided by the Workshop. Moreover, the CAISO does not wish to burden the Commission, or to tax its own limited resources, by submitting multiple corrected EQRs.³ Instead, the CAISO requests this extension to enable it to file a single corrected EQR that reflects the guidance provided by the April 11 Workshop.

III. Request for Expedited Consideration

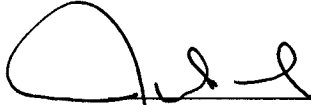
Due to the short time remaining before the corrected EQRs are due, the CAISO respectfully requests that the Commission rule on this Motion as soon as possible.

³ The fact that a key CAISO employee involved in the EQR process is traveling to Washington to participate in the Workshop during the time when she otherwise would be working on the corrected EQR (to the extent possible in the absence of further guidance from Commission staff) also militates against attempting an imperfect "corrected" EQR filing on April 11.

IV. Conclusion

For these reasons, the CAISO requests that the Commission grant its request for an extension of time, and allow it to submit its corrected Fourth Quarter 2002 EQR on April 25, 2003.

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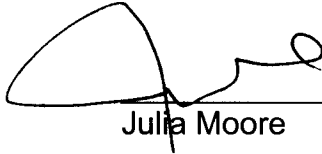
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Dated: April 8, 2003

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon each person designated on the official service list compiled by the Secretary in the above-captioned docket.

Dated at Washington, DC, on this 8th day of April, 2003.



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