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

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San Diego Gas & Electric Co. Cabrillo Power I LLC, and Cabrillo Power II LLC Docket No. EC99-26-000

## 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, and the Commission's

January 15, 1999 Notice of Filing, the California Independent System Operator

Corporation ("ISO") hereby moves to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding. In

support thereof, the ISO states as follows:

#### I. COMMUNICATIONS

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#### II. BACKGROUND

On January 12, 1999, San Diego Gas & Electric ("SDG&E"), Cabrillo Power I LLC ("Cabrillo I") and Cabrillo Power II LLC ("Cabrillo II") tendered for filing pursuant to Section 203 of the Federal Power Act (16 USC § 824b), an application requesting authorization for SDG&E to assign its interest in the jurisdictional Reliability Must-Run Agreement ("RMR Agreement") between the ISO and SDG&E with respect to SDG&E's Encina generating station to Cabrillo I, and to assign SDG&E's interest in the RMR Agreement between the ISO and SDG&E with respect to 17 of SDG&E's combustion turbines to Cabrillo II. SDG&E, Cabrillo I and Cabrillo II have requested that the Commission approve the assignments on or before February 28, 1999.

#### III. BASIS FOR MOTION TO INTERVENE

The ISO is a non-profit public benefit corporation organized under the laws of the State of California and responsible for the reliable operation of a grid comprising the transmission systems of SDG&E, Southern California Edison Company, and Pacific Gas and Electric Company as well as for the coordination of the competitive electricity market in California.

At issue in this proceeding are RMR Agreements to which the ISO is a party and that could affect the reliability of the ISO-Controlled Grid. The ISO therefore has an interest in this proceeding that cannot be represented by any other party. Accordingly, the ISO requests that it be permitted to intervene herein with full rights of a party.

The ISO raises no substantial issues at the present time but reserves the right to do so in any further aspects of the proceeding ordered by the Commission.

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## IV. CONCLUSION

Wherefore, for the foregoing reasons, the ISO respectfully requests that the Commission permit it to intervene and that it be accorded full party status in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: February 11, 1999

# 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 this proceeding. Dated at Washington, D.C. on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1999.

Mark Reid Klupt

February 11, 1999

The Honorable David P. Boergers Secretary Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20426

#### Re: San Diego Gas & Electric Co. Cabrillo Power I LLC, and Cabrillo Power II LLC Docket No. EC99-26-000

Dear Secretary Boergers:

Enclosed for filing are one original and 14 copies of the Motion to Intervene of the California Independent System Operator Corporation in the above-referenced proceeding. An additional copy of the filing is also enclosed. Please stamp the additional copy with the date and time filed and return it to the messenger.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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