



February 25, 2004

RE: Docket # R.04-01-026 – Order Instituting Rulemaking on Policies and Practices for the Commission’s Transmission Assessment Process

To the parties in Docket #R.04-01-026:

Enclosed please find a Notice of Availability of the Initial Comments and Submission of The California Independent System Operator Corporation in Response to Order Instituting Rulemaking, filed on Monday, February 23, 2004 with the CPUC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Rosenblum', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Cc: Service List R.04-01-026

**BEFORE THE
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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE
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IN RESPONSE TO ORDER INSTITUTING RULEMAKING**

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In accordance with Rule 2.3 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the California Independent System Operator Corporation ("CA ISO") respectfully serves this Notice of Availability informing parties that on Monday, February 23, 2004, the CA ISO filed Initial Comments and Submission in Response to Order Instituting Rulemaking ("Initial Comments") in the above-referenced docket. The Initial Comments, including attachments, exceeds 75 pages and accordingly the CA ISO hereby serves this Notice of Availability in lieu of the Initial Comments. The Initial Comments are available on the CA ISO website at <http://www.caiso.com/docs/2004/02/24/2004022413061511318.pdf>. In addition, consistent with Rule 2.3, a copy of the Initial Comments may be requested from Charity Wilson, at telephone (916) 608-7147, and fax (916) 608-7222.

The Initial Comments respond to the Commission request that the CA ISO provide its "standard for determining whether a transmission project is required to

maintain or enhance system reliability and comment on the proposed revision to [General Order] 131-D.” The Initial Comments consist of the following:

- 1) Initial Comments and Submission of The California Independent System Operator Corporation in Response to Order Instituting Rulemaking (February 23, 2004)
- 2) Exhibit 1 – Western Electricity Coordinating Council Reliability Criteria (August 2002)
- 3) Exhibit 2 - CA ISO Planning Standards (February 7, 2002)
- 4) Exhibit 3 – Tariff Sections 3.2 and 5.7, *et seq.*
- 5) Exhibit 4 - ISO Grid Coordinated Planning Process (January 23, 1998)
- 6) Exhibit 5 - ISO Grid Project Review Information Requirements
(Revised Draft – August 4, 1998)
- 7) Exhibit 6 - ISO Reliability-Must-Run Criteria
- 8) Exhibit 7 - California ISO Approach on the Modeling of New Generation in
Power flow Cases

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Respectfully Served:



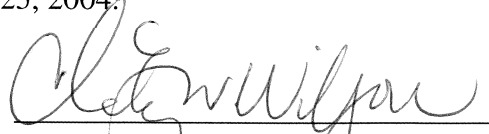
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PROOF OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on February 25, 2004, at the direction of the CPUC, I served a Notice of Availability of the Initial Comments and Submission of The California Independent System Operator Corporation in Response to Order Instituting Rulemaking in Docket #R.04-01-026 by electronic mail.

DATED at Folsom, California on February 25, 2004.



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