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1 Ms. Le Vine responds to the Answering and Cross-Answering Testimony of
2 Intervenors and Commission Trial Staff. Ms. Le Vine limits her testimony to
3 circumstances where it is necessary to provide factual information in rebuttal, to
4 establish or clarify the ISO's position, or to respond to incorrect or misleading
5 statements. She does not address legal and policy arguments that will be
6 addressed in brief. Ms. Le Vine discusses whether Amendment No. 27 constituted
7 a compromise; alleged discrimination against facilities of New Participating TOs; the
8 costs and benefits of participation in the ISO; allocation and accounting issues
9 regarding Firm Transmission Rights ("FTRs") and Usage Charges; the High/Low
10 Voltage Split; and the definition of Transmission Revenue Credit.

1 Ms. Le Vine notes that, although Amendment No. 27 was not a settlement,
2 the majority of the ISO Governing Board considered it a balance among competing
3 interests. Of particular importance, it had the support of the end-user classes.

4 Ms. Le Vine agrees that the ISO's proposal does treat different types of
5 transmission facilities differently, but explains that the impact of that treatment does
6 not necessarily discriminate against New Participating Transmissions Owners or
7 their customers. Moreover, the temporary disparate impacts of the differing
8 treatment of types of facilities is justified by the transition to a Grid-wide Access
9 Charge and the need for new transmission facilities. She also rebuts assertions
10 that charges for which New Participating TOs are not held harmless are substantial
11 and explains how the Transition Charge ensures that San Diego Gas & Electric
12 Company shares the cost shift burdens that all Original Participating TOs were
13 intended to share.

14 Ms. Le Vine expresses the ISO's agreement with recommendations
15 regarding the definition of Transmission Revenue Credit offered by a witness for
16 Southern California Edison Company, and joins arguments made by that witness
17 against recommendations for netting Usage Charge revenues against Usage
18 Charges. She disagrees with arguments by other parties that the ISO Tariff should
19 set forth a specific, transparent, methodology for the determination of the allocation
20 of FTRs to New Participating TOs. Ms. Le Vine explains that it would be difficult, if
21 not impossible, to set forth a methodology that would accommodate them all. She
22 points out that interested parties will be able to protest the allocation when it comes
23 before the Commission. Ms. Le Vine also explains that other issues regarding

1 Existing Contracts that are raised by witnesses for the State Water Project are not
2 related to the transmission Access Charge.

3 Ms. Le Vine indicates that the ISO does not object to recommendations that
4 the ISO's methodology for assigning facilities as High Voltage or Low Voltage be
5 included in the ISO Tariff. She states the ISO's opposition, however, to Staff's
6 proposal for allocating the costs of transformers, and adopts the reasoning of
7 Pacific Gas and Electric Company's witness in that regard. She also states the
8 ISO's opposition to other proposals that essentially imply functionality tests. Such
9 tests would be too complex to apply.

10 Finally, Ms. Le Vine opposes Staff's proposed revision of the definition of
11 Transmission Revenue Credit to reflect the Commission's Opinion No. 458 because
12 the relevant aspect of the definition of Transmission Revenue Credit is not involved
13 in this proceeding.

1 **Q1. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, TITLE, AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.**

2 A1. My name is Deborah A. Le Vine, and I am the Director of Contracts for the
3 California Independent System Operator ("ISO"). My business address is
4 151 Blue Ravine Road, Folsom, California 95630.

5 **Q2. ARE YOU THE DEBORAH A. LE VINE THAT HAS PREVIOUSLY**
6 **TESTIFIED IN THIS PROCEEDING?**

7 A2. Yes I am.

8 **Q3. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?**

9 A3. The purpose of my testimony is to respond to the Answering and Cross-
10 Answering Testimony of Intervenors and Commission Trial Staff ("Staff").

11 **Q4. DO YOU INTEND TO ADDRESS ALL ISSUES RAISED IN THE**
12 **ANSWERING AND CROSS-ANSWERING TESTIMONY OF OTHER**
13 **PARTIES IN THIS PROCEEDING?**

14 A4. No. A number of those issues are addressed in the Supplemental Testimony
15 of Lonnie Rush and in the Rebuttal Testimony of Keith Casey and Johannes
16 Pfeifenberger. In addition, the ISO does not intend to address through
17 testimony a number of issues that have been raised in Answering and Cross-
18 Answering Testimony that pertain to policy and legal issues.

19 One example involves the background I provided in my Direct
20 Testimony regarding Amendment No. 27. I described the ISO's
21 interpretation of its responsibilities under California legislation regarding the
22 development of the transmission Access Charge. This interpretation has

1 been challenged. I think we can leave it to the lawyers to debate the
2 meaning of the legislation and whether it has any relevance to the issues in
3 this proceeding.

4 Similarly, while Mr. Pfeifenberger discusses the costs and the benefits
5 that derive from the ISO's proposal, Dr. Casey rebuts criticisms of his
6 analysis of phantom Congestion, and I previously explained that the proposal
7 filed by the ISO was developed by the End-Use Customers, there is little
8 more that a witness can contribute to a debate about the appropriate level of
9 a cost cap. The ISO will thus address the arguments raised on this issue in
10 answering and cross-answering testimony in its brief.

11 Another example is the positions set forth by various parties on
12 whether New Participating TOs should receive FTRs associated with the
13 Converted Rights or should be required to purchase FTRs in the auction and
14 on the period of time during which New Participating TOs should receive
15 FTRs. In fact, Mr. Brozo, on behalf of the Transmission Agency of Northern
16 California ("TANC"), appears to have gone beyond the ISO's proposal and
17 argued that all Load serving entities should be given FTRs associated with
18 their transmission facilities and Entitlements—essentially attempting to
19 preempt the ISO's Market Redesign efforts through the Access Charge
20 proceeding. See Exh. Nos. TNC-1 at 33:3–4, TNC-2 at 22:11–23:4. There is
21 little more that witnesses can contribute to this debate; it is a policy issue
22 best left for the briefs.

1 Other than a general observation about the need to focus on the real
2 issues in this proceeding, I would like to limit my testimony to circumstances
3 where I believe it is necessary to provide factual information in rebuttal, to
4 establish or clarify the ISO's position, or to respond to incorrect or misleading
5 statements. The fact that the ISO has decided not to respond to a particular
6 piece of testimony, however, should not be taken as agreement. The ISO
7 will fully address all legal and policy arguments in its brief.

8 **Q5. WHAT GENERAL OBSERVATION DID YOU WISH TO MAKE?**

9 A5. Although there are many considerations that guided the development of
10 Amendment No. 27, the ISO intended by its proposal to ultimately achieve a
11 single grid-wide High Voltage Access Charge and to attract additional
12 Participating Transmission Owners. The first provides nondiscriminatory
13 pricing of access over the long run, and the second promotes the availability
14 of more transmission for the markets at non-pancaked rates, a reduction of
15 Congestion costs, increased competition and streamlined transmission
16 operations due to improved "seams".

17 In much of the testimony about the ISO's proposals to achieve these
18 goals, however, parties are focusing excessively on semantics and legalisms
19 at the expense of the real issues presented by the plan to achieve these
20 results. For example, the simple fact is that because the ISO proposes a
21 change from a situation where each Transmission Owner's rate payers paid
22 rates based on that Transmission Owner's Transmission Revenue
23 Requirement to a situation where all the Participating TOs' rate payers pay

1 the same rate based on a combined Transmission Revenue Requirement for
2 High Voltage Transmission Facilities, some rate payers will bear a greater
3 portion of the combined cost than they did previously and some will bear
4 less. That simple fact remains true regardless of whether you call it a cost-
5 shift or a nondiscriminatory distribution of the costs of the combined system.
6 The real issue is not what you call this fact, but whether it is just and
7 reasonable to limit, for a period of time, the additional expense that some
8 parties must bear.

9 A related matter involves the fact that, because the high voltage
10 transmission facilities of the various Transmission Owners in California were
11 built at various times, those that built early have lower costs today, but their
12 facilities may need more additions and upgrades. In contrast, those
13 Transmission Owners that built transmission facilities in the last ten years
14 have high cost transmission but may need little or no transmission additions
15 and upgrades. Both sets of transmission system are needed to provide
16 regional transmission service by the ISO, and there is no opposition to their
17 inclusion in the eventual single ISO Grid-wide High Voltage Access Charge.
18 Nonetheless, the differences between these facilities inevitably raises a
19 number of issues regarding their treatment, including possible incentives to
20 motivate the construction of more transmission and the improvement of the
21 reliability of the ISO Control Area, such as the Access Charge proposal to
22 immediately include the cost of all New High Voltage Facilities in the ISO
23 Grid-wide component of the Access Charge. Whether this proposal is just

1 and reasonable should not be argued by accusations of discrimination, but
2 by an analysis of whether the benefits justify the policy, which the ISO
3 believes they do.

4 Another example involves what both the ISO and the Commission
5 have called phantom Congestion. Arguments about whether the ISO has a
6 legal right to use the unscheduled capacity represented by Existing Contracts
7 ignores the underlying issue. The ISO's forward scheduling shows
8 Congestion because of the Existing Rights when there would be no
9 Congestion if the actual planned schedules were known and the capacity
10 were available to the ISO in the forward markets. That Congestion imposes
11 costs on Market Participants. If the holder of the Existing Rights became a
12 Participating TO, phantom Congestion and its associated costs would be
13 mitigated because the Existing Rights holder would be scheduling in
14 accordance with the ISO timelines. Whether the ISO is "reserving" the
15 capacity or simply does not have any right to use it does not change that fact.
16 This is not to say that the ISO agrees with the position that it does not have
17 the right to provide service over unused capacity reserved for Existing
18 Rights, only that it is not necessary to address this issue as part of the
19 evaluation of the Access Charge proposal. For the purpose of evaluating the
20 ISO's transmission Access Charge proposal, the issue is not the legal rights
21 of the ISO, but the benefits that would result if the capacity represented by
22 the Existing Rights were under the ISO's Operational Control and scheduled
23 in accordance with the ISO scheduling timelines.

1 When the issues in this proceeding are examined free of tangential
2 arguments, they are mostly straightforward. Nonetheless, some of the
3 parties may disagree about my characterization of their arguments, believing
4 that the way they are cast has legal or policy significance. In any event, the
5 response is more appropriately handled in brief than by a witness.

6 **Q6. WHAT AREAS DO YOU WISH TO COVER IN YOUR TESTIMONY?**

7 A6. I intend to discuss where Amendment No. 27 constituted a compromise;
8 alleged discrimination against facilities of New Participating TOs; costs and
9 benefits of participation in the ISO; allocation and accounting issues
10 regarding Firm Transmission Rights ("FTRs") and Usage Charges; the
11 High/Low Voltage Split; and the definition of Transmission Revenue Credit.

12 **Q7. AS YOU TESTIFY, WILL YOU BE USING ANY SPECIALIZED TERMS?**

13 A7. Yes. I will be using terms defined in the Master Definitions Supplement,
14 Appendix A of the ISO Tariff.

15 **I. BACKGROUND OF AMENDMENT NO. 27**

16 **Q8. WHAT DID YOU WISH TO DISCUSS REGARDING AMENDMENT NO. 27?**

17 A8. A number of parties have argued that Amendment No. 27 should not be
18 considered a compromise, citing (1) the fact that it was not a settlement (Exh.
19 No. VER-13 at 2:1–3:14) and (2) the votes against Amendment No. 27 by the
20 ISO Governing Board members representing San Diego Gas & Electric
21 Company ("SDG&E") and four municipal utilities (Exh. Nos. TNC-21 at 5:13–
22 16 & TNC-1 at 9:6–20). Once again, I think the facts are more important
23 than how one defines "compromise." These parties are correct that

1 Amendment No. 27 was not a settlement, it was a unilateral filing by the ISO
2 based on a ISO Governing Board vote that included 16 votes for the
3 compromise proposal, 5 votes against it, and 1 abstention. The abstention
4 was a power marketer representative. Exhibit No. ISO-2 provides the vote of
5 each ISO Governing Board member.

6 As I described in my direct testimony, however, the majority of the ISO
7 Governing Board considered Amendment No. 27 a *balance* among
8 competing interests. Several groups of stakeholders compromised their
9 interests in order to reach a balance. For example, the Cross-Answering
10 Testimony of Mr. Cuillier on behalf of Southern California Edison Company
11 ("Edison") and of Mr. Weingart on behalf of Pacific Gas and Electric
12 Company ("PG&E") describe the compromises made by the Investor Owned
13 Utilities. Exh. Nos. SCE-13 at 3:19–4:10, PGE-4 at 4:23–5:29. I think it is
14 particularly important that the final proposal was unanimously proposed and
15 supported by the representatives of the End-User Classes. These
16 representatives voted for a proposal that would have the effect of increasing
17 the transmission rates paid by many of their members based on the belief
18 that by attracting additional Participating TO and using the grid more
19 efficiently these expenses would be more than offset by lower overall Energy
20 costs.

21 **Q9. WHAT WERE THE END-USER CLASSES?**

22 A9. As I have explained in my direct testimony, Amendment No. 27 was based
23 on the "End-User's compromise proposal" which, as shown in Exhibit ISO-2,

1 was supported by the votes of all end-user representatives present at the
2 meeting. The ISO Governing Board at the time of the Access Charge vote
3 was made up of twelve End-User representatives which included
4 representation for commercial, industrial, residential and agricultural user
5 groups, public interest groups, end-users at large and non-market
6 participants. Significantly, governmental entities and municipal utilities as
7 well as Investor Owned Utilities serve these End User classes. Thus, the
8 representative of the municipal utilities may not have voted for the proposal;
9 however, representatives of groups that included their customers did.

10 In this regard, I think it is particularly appropriate to consider the
11 contemporaneous remarks of the Utility Reform Network ("TURN"), an end-
12 user participant in the negotiations, that were filed with the Commission:

13 It would be but small exaggeration to characterize the
14 negotiations which lead to the instant filing as the
15 California equivalent of the Middle East peace talks.
16 The long-held and deeply-rooted animosities between
17 the California [investor-owned utilities ("IOUs")] and the
18 [governmental entities ("GEs")] reach back into early 20th
19 Century history, before most of the current combatants
20 were even born. To find compromise in this milieu
21 appeared at times to be a fool's errand, yet an uneasy
22 and delicate compromise has at last been reached.

23 All voices are not yet unanimous, however. This
24 Commission will hear from at least some of the GEs that
25 the pot is not yet sweet enough, and that joining Cal ISO
26 would be a money-losing proposition from their
27 perspective. Similarly, the Commission may hear from
28 one or more of the IOUs that this proposal imposes too
29 great a cost shift burden on their customers. These
30 extremist posturings must be taken with a grain of salt.
31 If anything is certain, it is the observation that getting the
32 entire California electric market playing by the same set
33 of rules will result in increased efficiencies and cost

1 savings that can be SHARED by both the IOUs and the
2 GEs. But if there are net gains to be made, how can it
3 be that both sides are made worse off by the
4 compromise??? The answer is simple—they are NOT
5 worse off. Neither side came away with as large a share
6 of the net benefits as they would have liked. People are
7 unhappy, perhaps, but they are NOT worse off. The
8 end-user group that put forward the ultimate
9 compromise, of which TURN's counsel was an active
10 member, carefully weighed the potential benefits to IOU
11 customers of broader ISO participation and concluded
12 that the promise of future market benefits was worth the
13 risk of the more certain cost shift in transmission fixed
14 cost responsibility. Since the IOU customers (and not
15 the company's shareholders) are offering to pay up to an
16 additional \$72 million per year in transmission costs if
17 the GEs join, it is difficult to see how the GEs, at least
18 collectively, could be worse off. In fact, this compromise
19 is as close to a "win-win" scenario as this Commission is
20 ever apt to see in matters of this much complexity and
21 contentiousness.

22 **II. DISCRIMINATION AGAINST TRANSMISSION FACILITIES OF NEW**
23 **PARTICIPATING TOS.**

24 **Q10. WHAT ARGUMENTS HAVE PARTIES MADE ABOUT DISCRIMINATION**
25 **AGAINST THE TRANSMISSION FACILITIES OF NEW PARTICIPATING**
26 **TOS?**

27 A10. Witnesses for New Participating TOs and potential New Participating TOs
28 have contended that Amendments No. 27 and No. 49 discriminate against
29 the transmission facilities of New Participating TOs in three ways: First, by
30 including New Transmission Facilities immediately in the ISO Grid-wide
31 component of the Access Charge but not the Existing High Voltage Facilities
32 of New Participating TOs (see, e.g., Exh. Nos. TNC-1 at 18:1, VER-13 at
33 19:9–21:14); second, by excluding New High Voltage Facilities from the
34 calculation of the Transition Charge (see, e.g., Exh. Nos. MID-1 at 28:19–

1 29:4, TNC-1 at 19:1–22, VER-1 at 32:18–33:1, VER-13 at 21:21–23:11); and
2 third, through the cost-shift cap (see, e.g., Exh. Nos. SC-3 at 18:19–19:12;
3 TNC-1 at 14:4–17:13, TNC-21 at 11:16–20:29).

4 **Q11. HOW DO YOU RESPOND?**

5 A11. The issue is not really about discrimination against facilities. Ratemaking is
6 not intended to protect transmission facilities against discrimination. I realize
7 that witnesses may just be using this phrase as short-hand, but such a short
8 hand avoids the real questions: how are the facilities treated differently; what
9 is the rate and revenue impact of treating facilities differently; and is the
10 differential treatment justified?

11 **Q12. ON THAT BASIS, LET'S START WITH THE IMMEDIATE INCLUSION OF**
12 **NEW HIGH VOLTAGE FACILITIES IN THE ISO GRID-WIDE COMPONENT**
13 **OF THE HIGH VOLTAGE ACCESS CHARGE.**

14 A12. The High Voltage Access Charge distinguishes between facilities placed in
15 service prior to a Transmission Owner becoming a Participating TO, and
16 those placed in service thereafter. The costs of the former are recovered
17 through that portion of the Transmission Revenue Requirement that
18 undergoes the transition from a TAC Area component of the High Voltage
19 Access Charge to a Grid-Wide component of the High Voltage Access
20 Charge. In 2003, this split is 30% ISO Grid-wide and 70% TAC Area. In
21 contrast, the costs of New High Voltage Facilities (i.e., Participating TO's
22 newly-constructed transmission facilities, additions and upgrades) are
23 recovered immediately through the ISO Grid-wide component of the High

1 Voltage Access Charge. As discussed previously, this immediate
2 incorporation into the ISO Grid-wide component facilitates additions and
3 upgrades to Existing High Voltage Facilities and encourages New High
4 Voltage Facilities to be built. This treatment of New High Voltage Facilities
5 however, does not distinguish between the New High Voltage Facilities of
6 New Participating TOs and those of the Original Participating TOs. It applies
7 equally to both. In addition, whether New Participating TOs plan new
8 transmission investments, as some witnesses assert they do not, does not
9 factor into the distinction. A party cannot fairly claim discrimination based on
10 a decision not to engage in a course of conduct it is free to undertake.

11 The next issued I mentioned was impacts. The distinction made
12 between New and Existing High Voltage Facilities in connection with the
13 Grid-wide component does not affect the amount of the costs of the
14 transmission facilities that the Participating TOs recover. The revenue
15 requirements of both Existing and New High Voltage Facilities are fully
16 recovered through the High Voltage Access Charge. This distinction does
17 affect rates—during the transition period only—but not in a manner that
18 treats New Participating TOs differently from Original Participating TOs.
19 Rather, it affects the rates of one TAC Area differently from those of another
20 TAC Area. For example, suppose an Original Participating TO in the
21 Northern TAC Area builds a New High Voltage Facility. If the New High
22 Voltage Facility is immediately included entirely in the ISO Grid-Wide
23 component of the High Voltage Access Charge, the High Voltage Access

1 Charges for all Participating TOs will increase by the same amount. If the
2 New High Voltage Facility were not immediately included in the ISO Grid-
3 Wide component of the High Voltage Access Charge and instead were to be
4 included in the TAC Area component, the High Voltage Access Charges of
5 both New Participating TOs and Original Participating TOs in the Northern
6 TAC Area would increase by *the same*, but a greater, amount; similarly, the
7 High Voltage Access Charges of both New Participating TOs and Original
8 Participating TOs in the other two TAC Areas would increase by *the same*,
9 but a lesser, amount. This would be due to the cost allocation during
10 transition that was previously discussed, currently—a 30%/70% split. Thus,
11 while there is different rate treatment, it is not between New and Original
12 Participating TOs. Moreover, during the Transition Period, if a New
13 Participating TO has High Voltage Access Charge costs that are greater than
14 it would have paid as a utility-specific rate, then the New Participating TO is
15 held harmless from any such increase through the Transition Charge.

16 Finally, there are good reasons for the distinction between Existing
17 and New High Voltage Facilities. The TAC Area rates exist solely to facilitate
18 a transition to the ISO Grid-wide rate. The inclusion of New High Voltage
19 Facilities in the TAC Area rates would inflate that portion of the rate, slowing
20 the transition. It would also potentially reduce the effectiveness of the
21 transition by magnifying the increase that would occur at the end of the
22 transition period.

1 Moreover, as explained in greater detail by Mr. Cuillier on behalf of
2 Edison and Mr. Weingart on behalf of PG&E (see Exh. Nos. PGE-4 at 22:14–
3 23:3, SCE-13 at 10:17–11:11), existing facilities were planned and built
4 specifically with the needs of a particular Transmission Owner in mind and its
5 relationship with surrounding Transmission Owners. Today, New High
6 Voltage Facilities are planned in accordance with ISO procedures, to serve
7 the needs of the entire ISO Control Area.

8 **Q13. WHAT ABOUT EXCLUDING NEW HIGH VOLTAGE FACILITIES FROM**
9 **THE CALCULATION OF THE TRANSITION CHARGE?**

10 A13. The distinctions between the facilities are the same as in the previous
11 discussion. The impacts and reasons for the different treatment of New High
12 Voltage Facilities under Amendments 27 and 49 are discussed further in the
13 testimony of Mr. Pfeifenberger.

14 **Q14. WHAT ABOUT ALLEGED DISCRIMINATION THROUGH THE COST CAP?**

15 A14. The alleged distinction here is between the newer, and therefore costlier,
16 transmission facilities of the New Participating TOs and the older, and
17 therefore less expensive (and more depreciated) facilities of the Original
18 Participating TOs. The contention apparently is that once that cost cap is
19 reached, the New Participating TOs will need to recover a portion of their
20 Transmission Revenue Requirement from their native Load (retail rate
21 payers), while the Original Participating TOs will not, and therefore the cost
22 cap discriminates against the New Participating TO's transmission facilities.
23 (See, e.g., Exh. No. VER-26 at 26:1–30:4)

1 The actual distinction is not much different. Only the cost of the
2 facilities, not the age, is relevant. In addition, it is only those New
3 Participating TOs whose Transmission Revenue Requirement is greater than
4 average (proportional to Gross Load) that will be affected by the cost cap.

5 **Q15. WHAT ARE THE RATE AND REVENUE IMPACTS OF THE**
6 **DISTINCTION?**

7 A15. As I have noted, if the cost cap is reached, New Participating TOs with a
8 greater than average Transmission Revenue Requirement will no longer
9 recover its entire Transmission Revenue Requirement from the ISO. Since
10 cost shifts limits only affect the Transition Charge, there will be no impact on
11 the ISO's Access Charge for any customer. The impact on the native Load
12 of the affected Participating TOs is hard to discern. As shown in my Direct
13 Testimony and that of Mr. Pfeifenberger, New Participating TOs with greater
14 than average Transmission Revenue Requirements enjoy a considerable
15 reduction in transmission costs upon becoming a Participating TO. If this
16 reduction is passed on to their native Load, the native Load could be paying
17 much lower transmission rates than under utility-specific rates. If and when
18 the cost shift limit is reached, the benefits that the New Participating TOs'
19 customers would enjoy from a pass-through of the savings would be smaller
20 than without the cost cap, but still significant (i.e., up to \$72 million annually
21 among all New Participating TOs). Data requests and testimony by Edison
22 and PG&E, however, have called into question whether those savings have
23 been passed on to the native Load of the New Participating TOs. See Exh.

1 No. SCE-1 at 14:3–5; Responses to PGE-ANA-17, PGE-BAN-17 & PGE-
2 RIV-17. I therefore have no basis to speculate about the affect of the cost
3 cap on the native Load of New Participating TOs. Also, because I have no
4 data upon which to evaluate the plans of potential New Participating TOs, I
5 cannot evaluate the impact on their native Loads.

6 **Q16. IS THIS DISTINCTION JUSTIFIED?**

7 A16. There is no question that during the transition period the cost cap treats New
8 Participating TOs with greater than average Transmission Revenue
9 Requirements (proportional to Gross Load) differently from the Original
10 Participating TOs, and New Participating TOs with less than average
11 Transmission Revenue Requirements (proportional to Gross Load) differently
12 from other New Participating TOs and the Original Participating TOs. I have
13 to accept the Commission's statement, however, that cost caps may be
14 justified. If that is correct, then the question is not whether the cost cap
15 treats parties differently, but whether the particular costs and benefits
16 involved in Amendment No. 27 justify a cost cap. As I have noted, the ISO
17 has previously presented its evidence on this issue and will present its
18 arguments in brief.

19 **Q17. DO YOU HAVE ANY FINAL COMMENTS ABOUT THE DISCRIMINATION**
20 **ISSUES?**

21 A17. Yes. I think much of this discussion about discrimination ignores the actual
22 origin of the transition and the cost cap. The potential New Participating TOs
23 fail to consider that it is their native Load that pays these transmission costs

1 today, the same as the native Load of the New and Original Participating
2 TOs prior to their joining the ISO. No one asserts that those circumstances
3 constituted discrimination. It has always been accepted that it is the
4 responsibility of the retail rate payers to pay a portion of the Transmission
5 Owner's transmission revenue requirement that reflected service to native
6 Load. As part of California's movement to a unified transmission grid, the
7 Original Participating TOs have agreed to accept a portion of the
8 Transmission Revenue Requirement responsibility of the native Load of New
9 Participating TOs. The cost-shift cap merely established a limit, which was
10 defined by the rate payers of the Original and New Participating TOs as the
11 maximum cost above their current Transmission Revenue Requirement
12 burden that they would be willing to bear during the transition to a single rate
13 for the ISO Controlled Grid. As Mr. Pfeifenberger's testimony shows, it is the
14 customers of the New Participating TO's that are enjoying the most
15 immediate financial benefits from the ISO's transmission Access Charge
16 proposal, and claims of discrimination must therefore ring hollow.

17 **III. COSTS AND BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION IN ISO**

18 **Q18. WHAT TESTIMONY DO YOU WISH TO DISCUSS REGARDING THE**
19 **COSTS AND BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION IN THE ISO?**

20 A18. I would like to address statements regarding the benefits of increased ISO
21 participating made by Messrs. Hansen, Weingart, and Jones on behalf of
22 Edison, PG&E, and the California Department of Water Resources – State

1 Water Project ("SWP"), respectively, as well as certain contentions made by
2 Mr. Brozo on behalf of TANC and by Mr. Lucero on behalf of SDG&E.

3 **Q19. PLEASE START WITH MESSRS. HANSEN, WEINGART AND JONES.**

4 A19. These witnesses assert that the ISO has not identified any benefits from the
5 addition of New Participating TOs. See Exh. No. SCE-5 at 38:8-39:11; Exh.
6 No. PGE-1 at 21:3-10; Exh. SWP-72 at 11:12-14. Although the ISO did not
7 previously have concrete data supported such benefits, such analysis has
8 recently become available.

9 While the transmission increase in the California-Oregon Intertie and
10 Nevada-Oregon Border interties was immediate upon the City of Vernon
11 becoming a New Participating TO, the increase in new transmission paths
12 outside the ISO Control Area was not accomplished until the Southern Cities
13 became New Participating TOs on January 1, 2003. With the implementation
14 of the new transmission paths, the ISO added five new Branch Groups to the
15 ISO Controlled Grid. As demonstrated in Exhibit No. ISO-34, setting aside
16 the Lugo-Gonder Branch Group that is only 4 MW, three of the remaining
17 paths had usage by non-New Participating TO Scheduling Coordinators.
18 Analyzing from January 1, 2003 through September 28, 2003, the total MWh
19 scheduled by non-New Participating TO Scheduling Coordinators on the
20 Lugo-Mona path was 571,515 MWh and on the Lugo-Westwing path was
21 212,884 MWh. These two paths combined are the equivalent of a new 120
22 MW Generating Unit serving the ISO Control Area. Moreover, these results
23 demonstrate that efficiencies can be achieved by giving FTRs to the New

1 Participating TOs and absent scheduling by the New Participating TOs in the
2 Day-Ahead Market the transmission is available to all Scheduling
3 Coordinators in the Day-Ahead Market.

4 **Q20. WHAT CONTENTIONS WERE MADE BY MR. BROZO?**

5 A20. Mr. Brozo takes issue with Mr. Pfeifenger's statement that customers of a
6 New Participating TO are held harmless from cost shifts, citing increased
7 costs from Neutrality Charges, Unaccounted for Energy, and the Grid
8 Operations Charge. Exh. Nos. TNC-1 at 24:12–19, TNC-6 at 5-7
9 (Pfeifenger deposition at 34:13–36:10). I also discussed holding the
10 customers of a New Participating TO harmless in my testimony. See Exh.
11 No. ISO-1 at 60:14–61:14. However, Mr. Brozo mischaracterizes this
12 testimony.

13 Mr. Pfeifenger never stated New Participating TOs bore no new
14 costs. He simply stated that the customers of New Participating TOs were
15 held harmless from cost shifts *due to the transmission Access Charge*. I was
16 even more specific. I stated in my direct testimony that the New
17 Participating TOs were *not* held harmless from market charges that every
18 Market Participant pays on a comparable basis, mentioning specifically
19 Unaccounted for Energy and Neutrality. See Exh. No. ISO-1 at 61:7–14.

20 The fact is that these costs do not significantly detract from the cost-
21 shift benefit enjoyed by New Participating TOs. A recent analysis by the ISO
22 showed that the charge for Unaccounted for Energy, Neutrality, and the Grid
23 Operations Charge can vary among Scheduling Coordinators depending

1 upon a number of factors including use of the markets, metering and the
2 zone the Scheduling Coordinator serves. During the first half of 2003 this
3 value ranged from \$0.04 to \$0.10/MWh. During 2002, for a Scheduling
4 Coordinator in NP15, this value was closer to \$0.24/MWh.

5 **Q21. WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER BENEFITS TO THE ORIGINAL**
6 **PARTICIPATING TOS THAT MR. BROZO MENTIONS, LIKE ADDITIONAL**
7 **DELIVERY AND RECEIPT POINTS, INCREASED SCHEDULING**
8 **CAPABILITY, AND INCREASED WHEELING REVENUES?**

9 A21. These benefits accrue equally to New Participating TOs and Original
10 Participating TOs. They cannot, therefore, be said to affect the balance of
11 benefits and burdens between Participating TOs.

12 **Q22. WHAT DID YOU WISH TO DISCUSS REGARDING MR. LUCERO'S**
13 **TESTIMONY?**

14 A22. Mr. Lucero's cross answering testimony notes that SDG&E recommends that
15 the cost-shift cap should be eliminated because it has the "unintended
16 consequence" of imposing a "secondary cost shift to SDG&E." Exh. No.
17 SDGE-2 at 10:20–11:16. He testifies that due to this "unintended
18 consequence" costs are shifted to SDG&E "that should more properly be
19 borne by Edison and PG&E ratepayers." *Id.* at 10:25–27.

20 What Mr. Lucero refers to as an "unintended" cost shift, however, is
21 the provision that, during the transition period, the cost shift burden on
22 customers of the three Original Participating TOs should be proportional to
23 the cost-shift burden identified for each Original Participating TO in the ISO

1 Tariff. These values were specifically determined by the End-User
2 Compromise Proposal addressed in my direct testimony. This
3 “proportionality provision”, which imposes a cost shift burden on the Original
4 Participating TOs of approximately the same \$/MWh, up to the cap of
5 \$32/\$32/\$8 million—which is equal to approximately \$0.4/MWh of the
6 Original Participating TOs Gross Load. This proportionality provision is far
7 from an “unintended consequence,” but a conscious design element of the
8 Access Charge methodology’s transition mechanism.

9 **Q23. MR. LUCERO ALSO NOTES THAT ELIMINATION OF THE COST-SHIFT**
10 **CAP AND “PROPORTIONALITY PROVISION” IS JUSTIFIED BECAUSE**
11 **THE ELIMINATION OF THESE MITIGATION ELEMENTS RESULTS IN**
12 **ONLY “SMALL” COST SHIFT IMPACTS THAT “WILL NOT ADVERSELY**
13 **IMPACT SCE’S AND PG&E’S END USE CUSTOMERS” (EXH. NO. SDGE-**
14 **2 AT 11–14). DO YOU AGREE WITH MR. LUCERO’S ARGUMENT?**

15 **A23.** No. Mr. Lucero recommends the elimination of the cost shift cap and
16 proportionality provision because they “unfairly shift additional costs...onto
17 SDG&E’s ratepayers.” Exh. No. SDGE-2 at 6:5–7. However, as I just
18 explained, these provisions simply mean that, during the transition period,
19 the cost shift burden on Edison, PG&E and SDG&E’s customers is
20 approximately the same. Since Mr. Lucero feels that the imposed cost shift
21 burden is small enough to “not adversely impact” Edison and PG&E, it
22 logically follows that the proposed transition mechanism does “not adversely
23 impact” SDG&E. This again highlights that the proposed Access Charge

1 methodology is a well-balanced compromise that does not unduly burden the
2 customers of the Original Participating TOs, while reducing the barriers to
3 increased ISO participation by Transmission Owners. Moreover, a reason
4 that SDG&E is now supporting the elimination of the cost shift cap and
5 proportionality provision could be because SDG&E's utility-specific high
6 voltage rate is greater than the TAC Area rate for the southern area. As is
7 demonstrated in the ISO's information filing for the High Voltage Access
8 Charge and Wheeling Access Charge rates effective October 1, 2003,
9 SDG&E's utility-specific high voltage rate is \$2.8704/MWH whereas the TAC
10 Area rate for the southern TAC Area is \$2.6278/MWH. This is a benefit to
11 SDG&E of \$563,780 prior to application of the cost shift cap and the
12 proportionality provision.

13 **IV. ALLOCATION AND ACCOUNTING ISSUES REGARDING FIRM**
14 **TRANSMISSION RIGHTS AND USAGE CHARGES**

15 **Q24. WHAT ISSUES DO YOU WISH TO ADDRESS CONCERNING FTRS AND**
16 **USAGE CHARGES?**

17 A24. I would like to discuss some recommendations of a witness on behalf of
18 Edison with which the ISO agrees and to respond to arguments raised by
19 witnesses for the SWP, Staff, and TANC.

20 **Q25. WHAT IS THE RECOMMENDATION OF EDISON'S WITNESS?**

21 A25. In Amendment No. 49, the ISO proposed to revise the definition of
22 Transmission Revenue Credit such that New Participating TOs that are given
23 FTRs in accordance with Section 9.4.3 of the ISO Tariff are required to credit

1 against their TRR only the positive difference between the Usage Charges
2 paid and the Congestion revenue received. Mr. Cuillier recommends that the
3 definition also be revised (1) to reflect that the Original Participating TOs
4 often have two roles, transmission owners and energy supplier, and (2) to
5 address the subtraction of charges attributable to a Participating TO, but not
6 to the FTR holder, under Section 7.3.1.7 of the ISO Tariff. Exh. No. SCE-1 at
7 30:5–32:23. These changes were part of a settlement of the proceeding
8 involving the Transmission Revenue Requirement of the City of Vernon
9 (“Vernon”). The ISO agrees that the changes to the definition of
10 Transmission Revenue Credit are necessary for the reasons described by
11 Edison.

12 Mr. Cuillier also recommends an amendment to Section 7.3.1.6 of the
13 ISO Tariff, regarding the distribution of Net Usage Charge Revenue. Exh.
14 No. SCE-1 at 32:24–34:12. Edison’s recommendation is best explained by
15 an example. Suppose an Inter-Zonal Interface of 100 MW is owned by a
16 single Participating TO. There is an Existing Contract for 5 MW, the holder of
17 which becomes a New Participating TO. Under Section 9.4.3, the New
18 Participating TO receives FTRs for the 5 MW.

19 If the ISO auctions off FTRs for 90 MW, the proceeds of the auction
20 go to the Original Participating TO. The ISO then determines the distribution
21 of Usage Charges for the Inter-Zonal Interface. Of this revenue, 95% goes to
22 the holders of FTRs: 5% to the New Participating TO and 90% to those that
23 purchased FTRs at the auction. Under Section 7.3.1.6 as currently written,

1 the remainder would be split between the Original Participating TO and New
2 Participating TO in accordance with their entitlements: 95:5. The Original
3 Participating TO would thus receive compensation for 90% of the capacity
4 interface from the FTR auction and 4.75% from Usage Charge revenues, for
5 a total of 94.75%, even though it has rights to 95% of the Inter-Zonal
6 Interface capacity. The New Participating TO would receive compensation
7 for 5.25% of the capacity, even though it has rights to only 5% of the Inter-
8 Zonal Interface capacity. Under Edison's proposed language, each would be
9 compensated for its appropriate share. The ISO supports this revision to
10 Section 7.3.1.6.

11 **Q26. WHAT IS THE ARGUMENT OF SWP'S AND STAFF'S WITNESSES?**

12 A26. Mr. Richard D. Jones (SWP) (having adopted Mr. Call's testimony), Mr.
13 Weingart (PG&E), and Ms. Patterson (Staff) contend that the ISO Tariff
14 should set forth a specific, transparent, methodology for the determination of
15 the allocation of FTRs to New Participating TOs. Exh. Nos. SWP-70 at
16 14:25–15:2, SWP-72 at 61:8–23, PGE-1 at 29:3–13 and Exh. No. S-5 at
17 46:8–15.

18 **Q27. DO YOU AGREE?**

19 A27. No. Every New Participating TO, as well as every Existing Contract, brings
20 different circumstances to the table. It would be difficult, if not impossible, to
21 set forth a methodology that would accommodate them all. For example, Mr.
22 Jones notes that PG&E has sold more rights to capacity on Path 15 than
23 exists on Path 15. Exh. No. SWP-72 at 58:13–22. Obviously, the ISO would

1 have to assign some priority to the various capacity rights. Moreover, in
2 stark contradiction to SWP's position favoring "cookie cutter" criteria, Mr.
3 Jones objects to a "one-size fits all approach" and points to special attributes
4 he believes SWP has under its Existing Contracts that it believes should be
5 rewarded. Exh. No. SWP-70 at 16 at 1–26. Because the Existing Rights that
6 could be converted vary from agreement to agreement—some firm, some
7 non-firm and some in between—the ISO must have the flexibility to
8 appropriately adjust the number of FTRs conferred. The establishment of a
9 rigid methodology for the allocation of FTRs to New Participating TOs will
10 hinder rather than facilitate the ISO's efforts to integrate new Transmission
11 Owners.

12 **Q28. DOESN'T THIS PROVIDE THE ISO WITH EXCESSIVE DISCRETION?**

13 A28. Not at all. Because it affects rates, the allocation is filed with the
14 Commission when the New Participating TO turns over Operational Control
15 of the transmission facilities to the ISO. Now that the ISO will no longer
16 make a filing under Section 203 for New Participating TOs, the allocation will
17 be included with the Transmission Control Agreement. At that point, all
18 interested parties will be able to protest the allocation, and the Commission
19 will decide whether the FTR allocation is just and reasonable.

20 **Q29. WERE THERE ANY ADDITIONAL ISSUES RAISED BY SWP REGARDING**
21 **CONVERSION OF EXISTING CONTRACTS TO CONVERTED RIGHTS?**

22 A29. Yes. Mr. Jones on behalf of the State Water Project raises the concern that
23 FTRs will not provide SWP with a complete hedge against Congestion and

1 that therefore, upon conversion of SWP's Existing Contracts, SWP will be
2 required to continue to provide in-kind reliability support without receiving
3 adequate compensation in the form of firm transmission service. He
4 contends that SWP's reliability services should thus be unbundled in the
5 event of conversion of its Existing Contracts. Exh. No. SWP-70 at 17:3–22:2.

6 **Q30. DO YOU AGREE WITH MR. JONES CONCERN?**

7 A30. No. I believe that Mr. Jones' concern is misplaced and not relevant to the
8 transmission Access Charge. The conversion of Existing Rights concerns
9 only the transmission rights. If an Existing Right holder decides to change its
10 Entitlements to Converted Rights, then the ISO can only give them the FTRs
11 associated with the transmission capacity that is being converted and the
12 revenues to which the ISO Tariff entitles the Existing Rights holder. Issues
13 concerning the remainder of the Existing Contract are between the
14 contracting parties.

15 The reliability support to which Mr. Jones refers appears to be
16 primarily the terms and conditions in the Existing Contracts whereby SWP (1)
17 sheds pump Load or Generation for various contingencies on the ISO
18 Controlled Grid and (2) provides additional volt-ampere rating (VAR) support
19 for the ISO Controlled Grid. In the first instance, the shedding of Load or
20 Generation, the Scheduling Coordinator doing so is either charged or
21 compensated by the ISO at the Uninstructed Deviation price. If there are
22 issues regarding the appropriate compensation for SWP when it sheds Load

1 or Generation, these are issues between SWP and its Scheduling
2 Coordinator(s).

3 While SWP's Existing Contract provides for SWP to provide VAR
4 support, Section 2.5.3.4 of the ISO Tariff requires all Participating Generators
5 to maintain a minimum power factor range within a band of 0.90 lag
6 (producing VARs) and 0.95 lead (absorbing VARs). To date the ISO has not
7 requested Participating Generating Units to produce VARS outside the power
8 factor band established in the ISO Tariff, so SWP's concern has no practical
9 significance regarding Voltage Support.

10 **Q31. WHAT CONCERN DOES TANC RAISE?**

11 A31. The definition of Net FTR Revenue allows a New Participating TO (for the
12 purposes of determining the Transmission Revenue Credit) to net, on an
13 hourly basis, Usage Charges assessed to it against Usage Charge revenues
14 associated with FTRs it receives under Section 9.4.3. The definition,
15 however, does not allow Usage Charges to be less than zero for a given
16 hour, i.e., a New Participating TO may not accumulate Usage Charges over
17 a period longer than an hour to be netted against later Usage Charge
18 revenues. Mr. Brozo believes that this limitation is unreasonable. See Exh.
19 No. TNC-1 at 37:12–38:3. SWP Witness Jones takes a similar position. See
20 Exh. No. SWP-72 at 64:23–65:2.

21 **Q32. DO YOU AGREE?**

1 A32. No. Mr. Cuillier, on behalf of Edison, has very effectively rebutted these
2 arguments. See Exh. No. SCE-13 at 25:2–30:5. Rather than further burden
3 the record, I will just note my agreement with Mr. Cuillier's discussion.

4 **V. HIGH VOLTAGE-LOW VOLTAGE SPLIT**

5 **Q33. TO WHICH DISCUSSIONS REGARDING THE HIGH-LOW SPLIT DO YOU**
6 **WISH TO RESPOND?**

7 A33. I would like to address certain recommendations to which the ISO does not
8 object and then to respond to recommendations of Staff, PG&E and SWP,
9 which the ISO does not support.

10 **Q34. WHICH RECOMMENDATIONS DOES THE ISO CONSIDER**
11 **UNOBJECTIONABLE?**

12 A34. Staff recommends, along with other parties, that the provisions governing the
13 division between high voltage and low voltage facilities be included in the
14 ISO Tariff. Exh. No. S-1 at 16:9–28. Although it was the ISO's preference to
15 avoid adding that additional amount of detail to the Tariff, the ISO will not
16 object to Staff's proposal.

17 **Q35. WHICH STAFF RECOMMENDATION DOES THE ISO OPPOSE?**

18 A35. Staff recommends that the cost of transformers that serve high- and low-
19 voltage facilities be split in the same manner as other facilities. The ISO
20 proposed the current 50-50 split because it had been part of a previous
21 settlement, but also because the ISO believes that a transformer that steps
22 voltage up or down between high and low voltage can reasonably be
23 described as serving the high and low voltage facilities equally. Mr. Filippi,

1 on behalf of PG&E, has provided an excellent explanation of the rationale for
2 the equal split. See Exh. No. PGE-6 at 3:15–4:30. Although the ISO
3 understands Staffs preference for consistency, it continues to believe that the
4 proposal in Exhibit No. ISO-16 is preferable.

5 **Q36. WHAT IS THE PG&E RECOMMENDATION?**

6 A36. Witnesses for PG&E have argued that all “system (control area)
7 interconnections” should be considered high voltage facilities. The ISO
8 disagrees. PG&E makes these arguments because they have some Low
9 Voltage Transmission Facilities in the Sierras that interconnect the ISO
10 Control Area with PacifiCorp and Sierra Pacific Power. The ISO’s Access
11 Charge does not consider the functionality of the transmission line, although
12 this was one option discussed early on in the development of the Access
13 Charge rate design process. Rather, the foundation of the Access Charge
14 proposal is based on a bright line test of transmission capacity at 200 kV. As
15 is demonstrated in Exhibit No. ISO-35, three Branch Groups consisting of six
16 transmission lines to neighboring Control Areas do not meet this bright line
17 test. Instead of opening up the methodology to attack, and potentially
18 requiring a functional analysis of every line in the ISO Control Area, the ISO
19 has maintained the proposed Access Charge methodology with the bright
20 line test of 200 kV. Moreover, the methodology does not include the process
21 of a functionality test and the ISO does not see any benefit in such an
22 analysis.

23 **Q37. WHAT IS THE SWP PROPOSAL THAT THE ISO DOES NOT SUPPORT?**

1 A37. When the Participating TO lacks voltage information regarding a piece of
2 equipment, SWP witness Wilson recommends that the equipment be
3 designated High Voltage or Low Voltage according to a functional analysis,
4 rather than based on facilities data or gross substation investment as
5 recommended by the ISO. Exh. No. SWP-67 at 50:9–23; 51:18–52:8. The
6 ISO agrees entirely with Staff witness Gross (see Exh. No. S-1 at 20:2–23-
7 12) in this regard and believes that Mr. Wilson’s recommendation would add
8 an unnecessary degree of complexity to the allocation, as well as open up
9 fertile ground for dispute. Moreover, any type of functional analysis would
10 require agreement by the stakeholders as to the methodology, criteria and
11 process. Then, in each instance, a dispute resolution process would need to
12 be available as the results of the analysis will impact some parties (i.e. those
13 that only pay the High Voltage Access Charge like SWP) differently than
14 other parties (i.e. those that are connected at Low Voltage Transmission
15 Facilities). The ISO’s proposed allocation is just and reasonable as is,
16 without this new proposal.

17 **VI. TRANSMISSION REVENUE CREDIT**

18 **Q38. YOU ALREADY DISCUSSED THE DEFINITION OF TRANSMISSION**
19 **REVENUE CREDIT WITH REGARD TO FTRS. WAS THERE ANOTHER**
20 **ISSUE YOU WISHED TO DISCUSS?**

21 A38. Yes. Ms. Patterson, on behalf of Staff, recommends that the definition of
22 Transmission Revenue Credit be revised to reflect the Commission’s Opinion
23 No. 458, 100 F.E.R.C. ¶61,156 (2002). Exh. No. S-5 at 39:10–40:6. Opinion

1 No. 458 involved the TO Tariffs. As Ms. Patterson notes, the Commission's
2 rulings in Order No. 458 would make a portion of the definition of
3 Transmission Revenue Credit irrelevant. *Id.* at 40:1–3. Opinion No. 458 is
4 before the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit
5 on a Petition for Review and the ISO has intervened on behalf of Petitioners.

6 Nonetheless, the ISO opposes this recommendation. The ISO has
7 not proposed anything in Amendments No. 27 or No. 49 that would affect
8 that aspect of the definition of Transmission Revenue Credit. The
9 Commission has not ordered the ISO to modify the definition and has not
10 commenced a proceeding under Section 206 to modify it. There is no reason
11 to make this modification in this proceeding.

12 **Q39. THANK YOU, I HAVE NO MORE QUESTIONS.**

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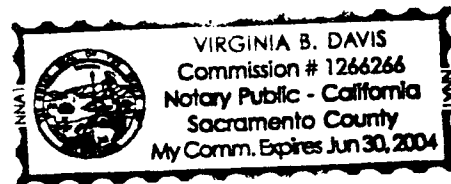
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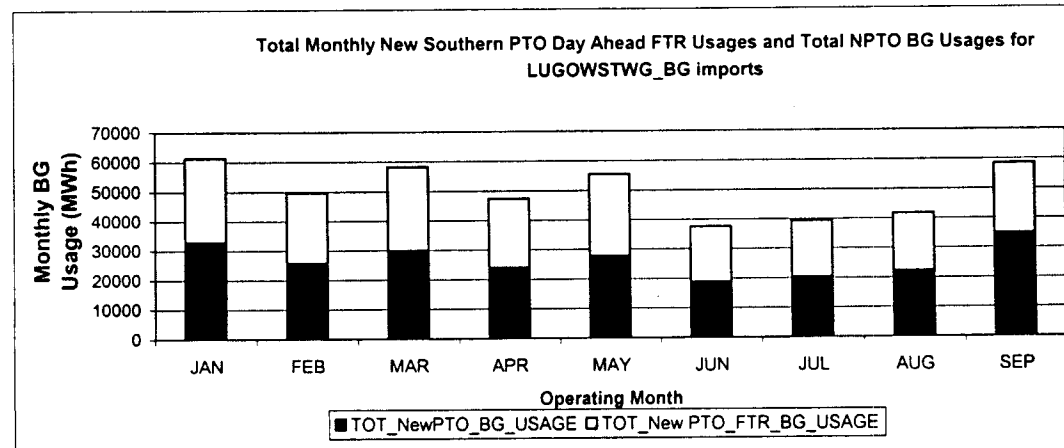
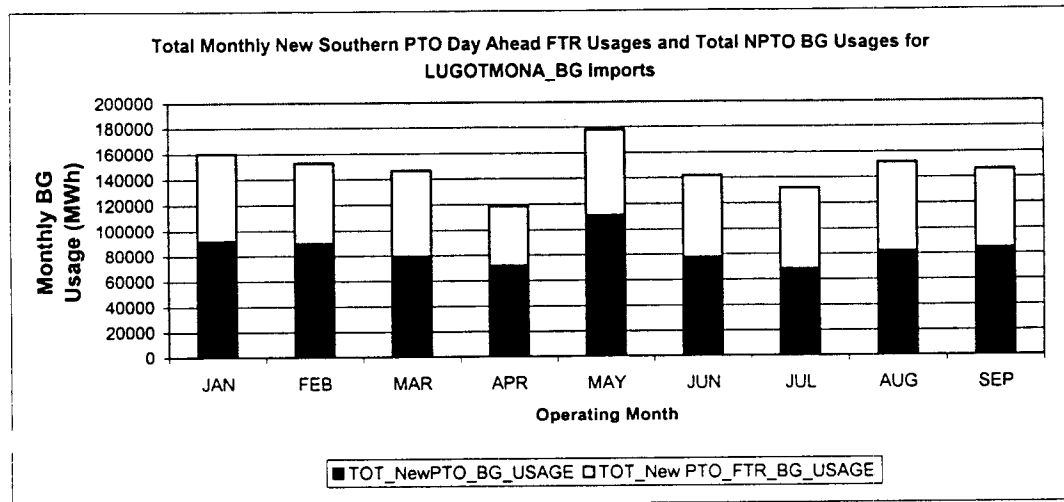
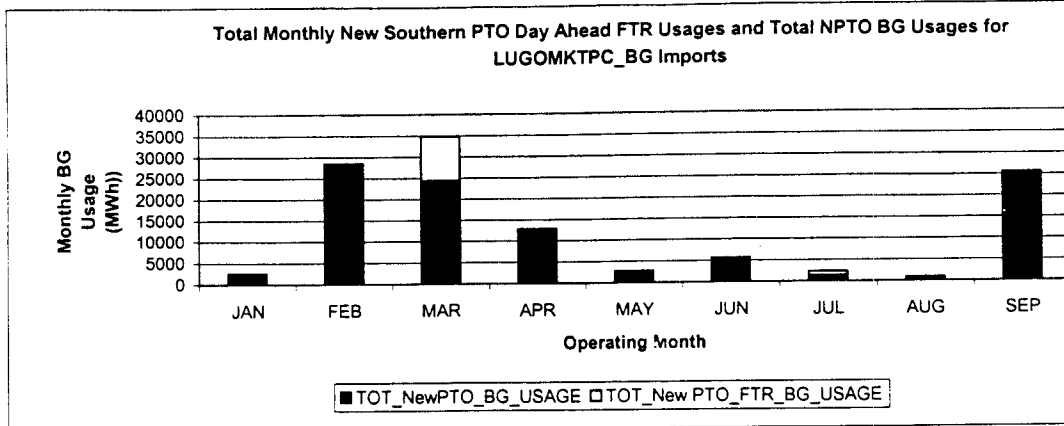
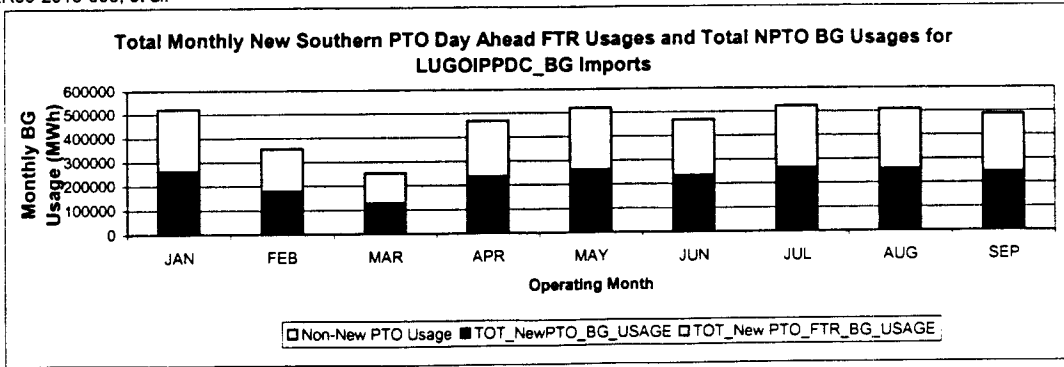
I, Deborah A. Le Vine, declare under penalty of perjury that the statements contained in my Prepared Rebuttal Testimony on behalf of the California Independent System Operator Corporation filed in this proceeding are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Executed on this 2 day of October, 2003.


Deborah A. Le Vine

State of CALIFORNIA
County of SACRAMENTO
Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before
me this 2nd day of October, 2003
Virginia B. Davis
(Signature of Notary)





BRANCH GROUP LISTING

BRANCH GROUP	BRANCHES	Line Name	kV	FROM ZONE	TO ZONE	INTERCONNECTING CONTROL AREA	TIE POINT	ACTIVE / INACTIVE	Effective Date
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ELDORADO_BG	MOENKO_5_#3_ELDORDO_5_V5_1LN	Eldorado-Moenkopi	500	AZ2	SP15	APS	ELDORD_5_PSUEDO FCORN_5_PSUEDO MOENKO_5_PSUEDO ELDORD_5_MOENKP	ACTIVE	
INYO_BG	OWENS2_2_V2_INYO_2_V2_1LN	Inyo 230/115 #1	230/115	LA3	SP15	LDWP	INYOS_2_LDWP	ACTIVE	
SF_BG	MARTIN_2_RT_SANMAT_2_RT_1LN MARTIN_1_V1_SANMAT_1_V1_2LN ESTGRD_1_V1_SANMAT_1_V1_1LN SFAIRP_1_V1_SANMAT_1_V1_1LN MILLBR_1_V1_SANMAT_1_V1_1LN MIL-SF_1_V1_SANMAT_1_V1_1LN SNTHLN_6_V6_CRYSTL_6_V6_1LN BURLNG_6_V6_SANMAT_6_V6_1LN	San Mateo-Martin cable San Mateo-Martin #3 East Grand-San Mateo SF Airport-San Mateo Milbrae-San Mateo San Mateo-Martin #6 Jefferson-Martin Milbrae-San Mateo #2	230 115 115 115 115 115 60 60	SF	NP15	N/A		INACTIVE	
HUMBOLDT_BG	HUMBSB_1_V1_TRINITY_1_V1_1LN LOWGAP_1_V1_WILDWD_1_V1_1LN MPLCRK_6_V6_GRSCKR_6_V6_1LN KEKAWK_6_V6_LYTNVL_6_V6_1LN GOODRH_2_V2_GOULD_2_V2_1LN GOODRH_2_V2_LAGBEL_2_V2_1LN	Humboldt-Trinity Bridgeville-Cottonwood Trinky-Maple Creek Wilks-Garberville Goodrich-Gould Goodrich-Laguna Bell	115 115 60 60 230 230	HUMB	NP15	N/A		INACTIVE	
PASADENA_BG	N.GILABK4_BG	North Gila 500/70 #4	500/70	AZ5	SP15	APS	NGILA_5_NG4	ACTIVE	
PATH26	MEAD_2_#_ELDRDO_2_V2_2LN MEAD_2_#_CAMNO_2_V2_ELN MEAD_2_#_CAMNO_2_V2_WLN VINCNT_5_#1_MIDWAY_5_V5_1LN VINCNT_5_#3_MIDWAY_5_V5_2LN VINCNT_5_#5_MIDWAY_5_V5_3LN	Mead-Eldorado #2 Mead-East Camino Mead-West Camino Midway-Vincent #1 Midway-Vincent #2 Midway-Vincent #3	230 230 230 500 500 500	SP15	2P26	N/A		ACTIVE	February 1, 2000
MERCHANT_BG	MRCHNT_2_V2_ELDORDO_2_V2_1LN ELVERT_2_#W_ELVRTA_2_V2_1LN ELVERT_2_#W_ELVRTA_2_V2_2LN ELVERT_2_#W_HURLE6_2_#W_1LN ELVERT_2_#W_HURLE6_2_#W_2LN HURLE6_2_#W_TRCYP_2_V2_1LN HURLE6_2_#W_TRCYP_2_V2_2LN	Merchant-Eldorado Elverta tie breaker #1 Elverta tie breaker #2 Elverta-Hurley #1 Elverta-Hurley #2 Hurley-Tracy #1 Hurley-Tracy #2	230 230 230 230 230 230 230	NV4 SMDW	SP15 NP15 NP15 NP15 NP15 NP15	NPC SMUD SMUD SMUD SMUD SMUD	MRCHNT_2_ELDORD ELVRTA_5_ELVRTW HURLEY_2_ELVRTW	ACTIVE	October 15, 1999
ELVTHRLY_BG	ELVERT_2_#W_HURLE6_2_#W_1LN ELVERT_2_#W_HURLE6_2_#W_2LN HURLE6_2_#W_TRCYP_2_V2_1LN HURLE6_2_#W_TRCYP_2_V2_2LN	Elverta-Hurley #1 Elverta-Hurley #2 Hurley-Tracy #1 Hurley-Tracy #2	230 230 230 230	NP15 NP15 NP15 NP15	SP15 NP15 NP15 NP15	SMUD SMUD SMUD SMUD	RANCHO_2_BELOTA	ACTIVE	June 18, 2002 June 18, 2002 June 18, 2002 June 18, 2002
RNCHLAKE_BG	RANCHO_2_V2_BELOTA_2_V2_1LN RANCHO_2_V2_BELOTA_2_V2_2LN GOLDHIL_2_V2_LAKE_2_V2_1LN MEAD_2_#_ELDRDO_2_V2_1LN	Rancho Seco-Belota #1 Rancho Seco-Belota #1 Gold Hill-Lake Mead-Eldorado #1	230 230 230 230	SMDE	NP15 NP15 NP15 LC1	SMUD SMUD SMUD WALC	MEAD_2_WALC ELDORD_5_MCLLGH LUGO_5_VICTVL LUGO_5_WSTWNG	ACTIVE ACTIVE ACTIVE ACTIVE	April 1, 1998 April 1, 1998 April 1, 1998 January 1, 2003
MEAD_BG	MCCULLGH_BG	Eldorado-McCullough	500	LA2	SP15	LDWP	ELDORD_5_MCLLGH	ACTIVE	April 1, 1998
VICTVL_BG	VICTVL_5_V5_LUGO_5_V5_1LN	Victorville-Lugo	500	LA4	SP15	LDWP	LUGO_5_VICTVL	ACTIVE	April 1, 1998
LUGOWSTWG_BG	WSTWNG_5_V5_LUGO_5_V5_1LN	Westwing-Victorville-Lugo	500	AZ6	SP15	APS	LUGO_5_WSTWNG	ACTIVE	January 1, 2003
LUGOMKTPC_BG	MKTPLC_5_V5_LUGO_5_V5_1LN	Marketplace-Victorville-Lugo	500	LC4	SP15	WALC	LUGO_5_MKTPLC	ACTIVE	January 1, 2003
LUGOIPDDC_BG	IPDDC_5_V5_LUGO_5_V5_1LN	IPDDC-Victorville-Lugo	1000/500	LA5	SP15	LDWP	LUGO_5_IPDDC	ACTIVE	January 1, 2003
MONA_BG	MONA_5_V5_LUGO_5_V5_1LN	Mona-Victorville-Lugo	345/500	PC1	SP15	PACE	LUGO_5_MONA	ACTIVE	January 1, 2003
GONDR_BG	GONDER_2_V2_LUGO_5_V5_1LN	Gonder-Victorville-Lugo	230/500	SR4	SP15	SPP	LUGO_5_GONDER	ACTIVE	January 1, 2003

Yellow - Branch groups for inactive Zones.
Blue - Branch groups between active Zones.

Green - Branch groups with other Control Areas at 200 kV and above.
Bright Green - Branch groups with other Control Areas below 200 kV.

