1. Stakeholder Comment/Question (Sean Neal, James McFall/MID, Ken Kohtz/SVP)
MID and SVP thank the ISO for the opportunity to comment on the ISO's draft Budget and Grid Management Charge ("GMC") rates for 2016. MID and SVP are appreciative of ISO management's and staff's willingness to answer questions raised at the October 8, 2015 stakeholder meeting. MID and SVP have one follow-up question regarding the 2016 draft Budget. Subsequent to the June 18, 2015 initial stakeholder meeting concerning the 2016 Budget and GMC, the ISO noted in meeting minutes that as part of the decommissioning of the Participating Intermittent Resource Program ("PIRP"), the ISO had not completed the business case to assess the savings with such decommissioning but would provide an update at the next budget meeting.[1] MID and SVP did not see in the draft budget materials provided prior to the October 8 meeting or hear at the meeting whether an assessment of those savings had been made. MID and SVP ask if the ISO has assessed the savings associated with PIRP decommissioning and if so, asks the ISO to describe how much savings the ISO has projected. Again, MID and SVP thank the ISO for its responsiveness to MID's and SVP's inquiries regarding the ISO budget and GMC rates.   [1] See http://www.caiso.com/Documents/MeetingMinutes_2016BudgetStakeholderMeeting_June182015.pdf at line 6.

ISO Response
The business case revealed that with the elimination of the Participating Intermittent Resource Program (PIRP) with FERC 764, the PIRP application is serving only as a pass-through system for the ISO load forecasting application. This effectively doubles the cost to execute new changes to that data stream. Additionally, the Variable Energy Resources (VER) outage and meter data in PIRP is also stored in the outage and meter data systems respectively doubling the storage costs for these transactions. While there are cost savings to eliminate this legacy, pass-through system, the drivers to remove the PIRP application are primarily focused on alignment with the ISO architectural vision and technology and security standards. Moving to the standard security model will increase overall system security. In addition to the cost of change, it is estimated that this will free up to 15 hours a week that the ISO spends on PIRP provisioning and system support. This will allow for hours reallocation to higher priority tasks.   Customer Market Results Interface (CMRI) forecast report creation will create a one-stop-shop for resource-level reports. This will standardize the look and feel, and allow for Access and Identity Management (AIM) based role and user access. This will reduce Market Participant time required to access the system by one week per year.