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The Honorable Magalie R. Salas  
Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, N.E.  
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**Re: California Independent System Operator Corporation  
Docket No. ER03-746-000, et al.**

Dear Secretary Salas:

Enclosed please find one original and fourteen copies of the Status Report of the California Independent System Operator Corporation on the Preparatory Re-Run and Other Re-Run Activity filed in the above-captioned docket.

Also enclosed are two extra copies of this cover letter to be time/date stamped and returned to us by the messenger. Thank you for your assistance. Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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

<b>California Independent System Operator Corporation</b>	<b>) )</b>	<b>Docket Nos. ER03-746-001 ER03-746-002</b>
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**STATUS REPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA INDEPENDENT  
SYSTEM OPERATOR CORPORATION ON THE  
PREPARATORY RE-RUN AND OTHER RE-RUN ACTIVITY**

Pursuant to the Order Granting Clarification and Granting and Denying Rehearing of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("Commission" or "FERC") Order issued on February 3, 2004, in the above captioned dockets ("February 3 Order"), the California Independent System Operator Corporation ("ISO") hereby provides its third monthly status report.<sup>1</sup>

**I. BACKGROUND<sup>2</sup>**

On April 15, 2003, the ISO<sup>3</sup> filed Amendment No. 51 to its Tariff, to which the Commission assigned Docket No. ER03-746 ("Amendment No. 51 filing"). In

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<sup>1</sup> The Commission's order at paragraph 21 states, "The CAISO is hereby directed to submit to the Commission on a monthly basis, beginning on February 10, 2004, a report detailing the status of the preparatory adjustment re-runs and the dates that it expects to complete both the preparatory re-runs and the settlement and billing process for calculating refunds, as discussed in the body of this order" 106 FERC ¶ 61,099 (2004).

<sup>2</sup> In its October 16, 2003 Order on Rehearing, 105 FERC ¶ 61,066 (2003) the Commission ordered the ISO to file within five months of the date of the order the results of the re-runs along with the appropriate explanations. The ISO considers that this directive has been overtaken by FERC's later recognition in this Amendment 51 proceeding that the ISO cannot possibly comply with the deadline in the October 16 Rehearing order, as well as the deadlines in the previous Amendment 51 orders. The ISO is endeavoring to comply however, with FERC's directive that the ISO work as fast as practicable, keep the parties well informed, and file monthly status reports.

<sup>3</sup> Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Master Definitions Supplement, Appendix A to the ISO Tariff.

the Amendment No. 51 filing, the ISO proposed to conduct a preparatory re-run in preparation for the Commission-mandated re-run in the California refund proceeding (Docket Nos. EL00-95-045, *et al.*) and requested approval of Tariff amendments to “wall off” that re-run from the settlement processes currently in use to clear the ISO Market.

On December 15, 2003, the ISO filed its request for rehearing of the Commission’s November 14 order in this proceeding. Therein, the ISO informed the Commission that it could not provide the ordered compliance filing by January 30<sup>th</sup>, but instead would make the filing as soon as practicable. In the February 3 Order, the Commission granted the ISO the additional time needed to make the compliance filing relative to the preparatory re-run, but also required the ISO “to submit to the Commission on a monthly basis, beginning on February 10, 2004, a report detailing the status of the preparatory adjustment re-runs and the dates that it expects to complete both the preparatory re-runs and the settlements and billing process for calculating refunds.” February 3 Order at P 21. The first such status report was filed with the Commission on February 9, 2004. This filing constitutes the third such report required by that Commission order.

## **II. CURRENT STATUS OF RE-RUN ACTIVITY**

Since the second status report filed on March 10<sup>th</sup>, the ISO has continued settlement statement production. As of the date of this third status report, the ISO has completed preparatory re-run production activity through January 16, 2001, and has distributed the Settlement Statements and associated settlement

detail file CDs to Market Participants. In addition, the documents supporting the calculation of the revised MMCPs that will be used in the refund rerun phase of the proceeding were distributed to the various party "teams" in the refund proceeding for comment on March 17, 2004. A market notice indicating the posting on the ISO website of the revised MMCP's and the distribution of the supporting calculations was made on March 17<sup>th</sup> as well. A link to the appropriate location on the ISO website was also placed on the email Listserv for the refund proceeding. The ISO has continued to interface with Market Participants via market notices, telephonic conferences, and direct consultation, as necessary. The ISO has posted a calendar containing the schedule for the preparatory re-run on its website, and provided the link to that calendar to Market Participants in a market notice.<sup>4</sup>

As noted above, the ISO completed rerun production and publishing of trade dates through January 16, 2001 on March 26, 2004. Production was halted at this point because of the requested clarification before the Commission regarding the treatment of "CERS transactions," which took place beginning on January 17, 2001. Although production and publishing have been halted, other preparatory work has continued. The main areas of concentration have been completion of the listing of transactions exempt from mitigation and dispute resolution.

Although the exempt transaction listing is a refund rerun item, the ISO committed to release this information early to provide participants an opportunity

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<sup>4</sup> The ISO's preparatory re-run calendar, market notices, and re-run procedure manual are located on the ISO's website at [www.caiso.com/docs/2004/01/16/200401161414093653.html](http://www.caiso.com/docs/2004/01/16/200401161414093653.html).

to review this data before rerun production because of its impact on prices paid and CT 485 charges (generator fines). The cross-referencing of the stipulations and exhibits relating to these transactions from the refund hearing proceeding with the ISO's settlement records is a major undertaking and will not be complete until mid-May, 2004.

The ISO notes that the California Power Exchange ("PX") has experienced some difficulty with the rerun statement processing. The ISO has worked closely with the PX to provide additional detailed information requested by the PX, beyond that provided to other Market Participants, to help accommodate the PX system constraints. The ISO filed a responsive pleading on this matter on April 9, 2004, in response to the PX filing supporting the filing of Southern California Edison Company and Pacific Gas and Electric Company for a tolling of the dispute deadline in certain instances.

### **III. ESTIMATED SCHEDULE FOR COMPLETION OF RE-RUN ACTIVITY**

The ISO provided in its first monthly status report on February 9, 2004 a schedule that with several assumptions would provide for a completion date of August 31, 2004 for all re-run activity including the financial phase. This was changed to September 29, 2004 in the second monthly report filed on March 10, 2004. The current production delay will have a comparable impact on the completion of the preparatory re-run and final completion date. Also, the ISO notes that there are multiple global settlement negotiations underway that could impact the final schedule as well. The ISO attended a meeting regarding one of these negotiations to review the implementation details. Financial adjustments

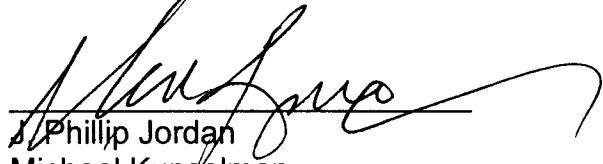
for multiple global settlements will add time during the last phase of the rerun in order to finalize all of the financial adjustments. With these various impacts, the ISO now believes that the initial financial clearing could not occur before November, 2004. An updated schedule is included in this filing as Attachment A.

Finally, approximately 550 disputes have been received since the last report, for a total of 1,900 disputes. The ISO is also trying to use the current halt in production to clear up outstanding disputes.

#### **IV. CONCLUSION**

The ISO respectfully requests that the Commission accept the ISO's second status report in compliance with the Commission's February 3 Order in the above captioned dockets.

Respectfully submitted,



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# ATTACHMENT A – RE-RUN SCHEDULE

## April 12, 2004

Item	Durations Shown in April 25, 2003 Filing	Changes to Schedule Through January 30, 2004	Target Completion Date (per February filing)	Current Projected Completion Date	Comments
Prep Re-run Production	12 weeks	No change - 9 to 9 ½ weeks remaining	April 14, 2004	June , 2004	Change in Projected Completion Date based on delays reported in earlier reports and current halt in production. The current projected date is also dependent on FERC resolution of the CERS issue.
Prep Re-run Dispute Period	2.5-3 weeks	8 weeks	June 9, 2004	August, 2004 production	FERC order provides for a 30 business day dispute period. The ISO has allowed for 10 additional business days to research and adjust disputes.
Refund Re-run Production	12 weeks	6 weeks	July 21, 2004	October, 2004	
Refund Re-run Dispute Period	2.5-3 weeks	Unknown	} August 31, 2004	November, 2004	The ISO now anticipates that the refund re-run compliance filing will be submitted before any further dispute or protest period.
Refund Re-run Compliance Filing	Not Shown	2 weeks following the completion of the refund re-run production.			
FERC Approval Process and Ruling on Gas Price Adjustments and Emissions Offsets	Unknown	Unknown			The November date reflects the delays in earlier events reported above and the potential for this phase to be extended somewhat in order to perform financial adjustments for multiple global settlements.
Final Financial Phase Including Interest Calculations, Global Settlement Adjustments, Gas Price Adjustment Calculations, and Emissions Offsets	6 to 7 weeks (shown as 2 weeks plus 4-5 weeks)	Can be performed in parallel with completion of compliance filing and financial clearing			
Financial Phase Compliance Filing	Not Shown	7 days prior to the initial financial clearing			

Financial Clearing	1 week					The Cal PX bankruptcy will potentially impact the financial clearing phase depending on the status of that proceeding.
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### **Key assumptions/comments to support the schedule**

- *The ISO's request for rehearing regarding resolution of the CERS transactions is decided prior to the time the ISO would publish mid January 2001 and is decided by the Commission in a way that does not adversely impact the implementation, as outlined in the ISO's November 17, 2003 Request for Clarification and/or Rehearing in Docket Nos. EL00-95, et al. and in the ISO's December 15, 2003 Request for Rehearing in Docket No. ER03-746.*
- *There will be one primary financial clearing of the preparatory re-run and refund re-runs including interest calculations, gas price adjustments, and emissions offsets, possibly followed later by a smaller clearing of adjustments.*
- *The Commission intends to provide the ruling on the gas price adjustments prior to the final financial clearing of the refunds. This will be provided to the ISO in the form of dollar adjustments on a daily or monthly basis. It will not be in the form of price adjustments that will require further re-run production. The ISO will assess those charges to Control Area Load and Export.*
- *Parties will provide and the Commission will approve all outstanding emissions costs offsets.*
- *Interest calculations will be completed at the ISO following the Commission's ruling on gas price adjustments and emissions offsets.*
- *In the first report on February 9, 2004 the ISO indicated that if the Commission could provide determination on the gas price adjustments and emissions prior to the completion of the refund re-run production re-run, the ISO could complete the financial phase, consisting of the gas price adjustments, emissions offsets, interest calculations, and global settlement calculations (i.e. Williams and El Paso settlements), as well as the financial clearing, in six weeks. The ISO could also provide a compliance filing detailing the results of the financial phase seven days prior to the initial financial clearing. If additional global settlements are finalized between the Parties and approved by FERC, the additional financial adjustments could extend the 6 week financial clearing phase somewhat.*
- *To reduce protests and disputes, the ISO will publish MMCP calculations and transactions exempt from mitigation to Market Participants well in advance of the refund re-run production. The publication of the transactions exempt from mitigation are expected to be completed by mid-May, 4, 2004. The revised MMCP calculations were published on March 17, 2004.*
- *A subsequent clean-up clearing would be required pending resolution of any protests received concerning the financial clearing. Note that the ISO intends to research and correct normal disputes in accordance with the dispute timeline identified in the schedule above.*
- *The Cal PX bankruptcy will potentially impact the financial clearing phase depending on the status of that proceeding at the time.*

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon each person designated on the official service list for the captioned proceeding, in accordance with Rule 2010 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 C.F.R. § 385.2010).

Dated at Folsom, CA, on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2004.

  
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