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SELECTION OF CAL-ISO OFFICERS COMPLETE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL COUNSEL

(Folsom, CA) The California Independent System Operator's (Cal-ISO's) executive management team is now in place with the appointment today, Wednesday, October 22, 1997, of N. Beth Emery as Vice President and General Counsel.

Emery will advise the Cal-ISO and its Governing Board on legal, legislative, regulatory and other government policy as well as act as Secretary to the Cal-ISO Governing Board. She will also oversee local, state and federal government relations and direct market surveillance activities of the corporation, to help secure the system from market power effects. In addition, she will coordinate external communications.

Currently, Emery is a partner in the Washington, D.C. and Atlanta firm of Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan, L.L.P and is a member of the firm's National Energy and Commodities Group, heading the electricity team. She will assume her new position at the Cal-ISO November 17, 1997.

Emery has more than twenty years of experience in energy law. She served as a Legal Advisor to Matthew Holden, Jr., one of the first Commissioners appointed to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Since 1981, she has been in private practice, counseling electric industry clients on business transactions and regulatory compliance.

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Emery also served as an Attorney Advisor in the Electric and Telephone Division of the Office of General Counsel, U.S. Department of Agriculture, where she was responsible for advising the Rural Electrification Administration.

For several years, Emery has been actively involved in utility restructuring, including the recent disaggregation of the nation's largest power supply cooperative, into Oglethorpe Power Corporation, a \$4 billion generation company, Georgia Transmission Corporation, which owns and operates an undivided 30% interest in Georgia's Integrated Transmission System, and Georgia System Operations Corporation.

Emery received her B.A. from the University of Oklahoma, with highest honors, in 1974 and her J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1977. She is married, with two children, and looks forward to relocating her family to Folsom.

The Cal-ISO is a not-for-profit corporation that will assume computerized command of the bulk of California's power grid, ensuring the state's power grid is run reliably and fairly.

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