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### **CALIFORNIA ISO ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF NEW GENERAL COUNSEL** *Charles F. Robinson to Fill Post*

(Folsom,CA) The California Independent System Operator (California ISO) announced today the appointment of Charles F. Robinson to the post of General Counsel, effective April 10, 2000. Robinson comes to the California ISO from Packard Bell NEC, Inc. where he most recently served as Assistant General Counsel and Director of Litigation.

"The ISO is extremely fortunate to have Charles Robinson lead our General Counsel team," said Terry Winter, President and CEO of the California ISO. " His broad experience and enthusiasm will be excellent assets as the ISO continues to break new ground in electricity restructuring."

Robinson comes to the ISO with nearly 20 years of legal experience covering a wide range of issues including commercial transactions, litigation management, and antitrust. After graduating from law school, he clerked with the United States District Judge William H. Orrick, and soon after became a partner with Heller, Ehrman, White & McAulliffe. In 1995, he became a Division Counsel for Raychem Corporation, and later joined Packard Bell NEC. He currently serves on the NAACP Legal Defense Fund Steering Committee for Northern California, who honored him in 1994 with their award for outstanding commitment and dedication to civil rights and community service.

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Robinson holds a Juris Doctor from Yale Law School and a BA from Harvard College. While at Harvard, he was a Pennsylvania State Finalist in the Rhodes Scholarship Competition and won the John Harvard Scholarship for academic achievement of the highest distinction.

The California ISO is chartered by the state to manage the flow of electricity along the long-distance, high voltage power lines that make up the bulk of California's transmission system. The not-for-profit public benefit corporation assumed this responsibility in March 1998 when California opened its energy markets to competition and mandated the investor-owned utilities turn their private transmission power lines over to the California ISO's public power grid. The mission of the California ISO is to safeguard the reliable delivery and ensure equal access to the state's "electron highway", which spans 124,000 miles or three-quarters of the state. The California ISO operates the second largest control area in the U.S. and the fifth largest in the world. Its computerized control center is located in Folsom, California, 22 miles from the capital city of Sacramento

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