

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
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OFFICE OF ENERGY MARKET REGULATION

California Independent System
Operator Corporation
Docket No. ER11-3778-000
August 9, 2011

California Independent System
Operator Corporation
250 Outcropping Way
Folsom, CA 95630

Attention: John C. Anders, Esq.
Counsel for California Independent System Operator Corporation

Reference: Pseudo Participating Generator Agreement

Dear Mr. Anders:

On June 10, 2011, the California Independent System Operator Corporation (CAISO) filed a Pseudo Participating Generator Agreement (Pseudo PGA) with Rice Solar Energy, LLC (Rice Solar) to establish a pseudo-tie of the Rice Solar generating facility, which is physically located in the Western Area Power Authority – Desert Southwest Region balancing authority area, to the CAISO balancing authority area. Under the agreement, Rice Solar is classified as a “Pseudo Generating Unit,” which has been defined to allow Rice Solar to operate the same as any other generating facility located within the CAISO balancing authority area.¹ Waiver of the Commission’s notice requirements pursuant to Section 35.11 of the Commission’s rules and regulations (18 C.F.R. § 35.11) is granted, and the Pseudo PGA is accepted for filing effective, June 15, 2011, as requested.²

¹ Except as expressly stated in the Pseudo PGA, CAISO states the Pseudo Generating Unit (Rice Solar) will conform to the requirements of the CAISO tariff.

² According to the CAISO, the parties have agreed to the June 15, 2011 effective date which is important to ensure Rice Solar is able to secure certain loan guarantees for its renewable project from the Department of Energy.

This filing was noticed on June 10, 2011 with comments, protests, or motions to intervene due on or before July 1, 2011. No protests or adverse comments were filed. Notices of intervention and unopposed timely filed motions to intervene are granted pursuant to the operation of Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 C.F.R. § 385.214). Any opposed or untimely filed motion to intervene is governed by the provisions of Rule 214.

This action does not constitute approval of any service, rate, charge, classification, or any rule, regulation, contract, or practice affecting such rate or service provided for in the filed documents; nor shall such action be deemed as recognition of any claimed contractual right or obligation affecting or relating to such service or rate; and such action is without prejudice to any findings or orders which have been or may hereafter be made by the Commission in any proceeding now pending or hereafter instituted by or against CAISO.

This action is taken pursuant to authority delegated to the Director, Division of Electric Power Regulation - West, under 18 C.F.R. § 375.307. This order constitutes final agency action. Requests for rehearing by the Commission may be filed within 30 days of the date of issuance of this order, pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 385.713.

Sincerely,

Steve P. Rodgers, Director
Division of Electric Power
Regulation – West

cc: All Parties