

**Appendix B.12 Metered Subsystem Aggregator CRR Entity Agent Agreement**

**THIS AGREEMENT** is dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and is entered into, by and between:

(1) **[INSERT NAME OF MSS AGGREGATOR]**, a **[INSERT TYPE OF ENTITY]**, having its registered and principal place of business located at **[INSERT ADDRESS]**, acting as the agent on behalf of the following principals: **[INSERT NAMES OF MSS OPERATOR LSEs]**, all of which are MSS Operators and Load Serving Entities, (“MSS Operators”) pursuant to the terms of that certain **[INSERT TITLE OF MSS AGGREGATOR AGREEMENT]** (“MSSAA”) dated \_\_\_\_\_ (the “CRR Entity Agent”);

and

(2) **California Independent System Operator Corporation** (“CAISO”), a California nonprofit public benefit corporation having a principal executive office located at such place in the State of California as the CAISO Governing Board may from time to time designate.

The CRR Entity Agent and the CAISO are hereinafter referred to individually as a “Party” and collectively as the “Parties.”

**Whereas:**

- A.** The CAISO Tariff provides that any entity that holds or intends to hold CRRs must register and qualify with the CAISO and comply with the terms of the CAISO Tariff (either directly or through its agent), regardless of whether they are to acquire CRRs through the CRR Allocation or CRR Auction, or through the Secondary Registration System.
- B.** The CRR Entity Agent pursuant to the terms of the MSSAA is authorized by the aggregated MSS Operators to act on the behalf of the MSS Operators with regard to matters relating to CRRs, including, but not limited to, allowing the CRR Entity Agent to participate in the CRR nomination process on behalf of the MSS Operators, to accept financial responsibility under this Agreement, to perform settlement functions, and to comply with CAISO Tariff requirements.
- C.** The CRR Entity Agent has completed the Candidate CRR Holder application process on behalf of its aggregated MSS Operators and pursuant to the terms of the MSSAA is eligible to participate on behalf of the MSS Operators in the CRR Allocation or CRR Auction or register through the Secondary Registration System on behalf of the MSS Operators. However, the CRR Entity Agent will not hold title to or ownership of any CRRs issued to any of its aggregated MSS Operators through the CRR Allocation, CRR Auction, or Secondary Registration System processes. Rather, the CRR Entity Agent will hold title for the CRRs allocated to the individual MSS Operator’s Load in trust on behalf of the MSS Operator.
- D.** The CAISO Tariff further provides that any entity that wishes to participate in the CRR Allocation or CRR Auction or register as a CRR Holder through the Secondary Registration System must meet all of the Candidate CRR Holder requirements and creditworthiness provisions in the CAISO Tariff and the relevant Business Practice Manual, including demonstration of its ability to accommodate the financial responsibility associated with holding CRRs.
- E.** The aggregated MSS Operators desire to act through the CRR Entity Agent to comply with all requirements referenced in part D, above, in order to obtain CRRs through the CRR Allocation, CRR Auction, or Secondary Registration System.

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- F. The CRR Entity Agent, on behalf of its aggregated MSS Operators, wishes to undertake such necessary tasks and requirements set forth herein to comply with the applicable provisions of the CAISO Tariff in order to allow the MSS Operators to participate in the CRR Allocation, CRR Auction, and Secondary Registration System processes.
- G. The Parties are entering into this Agreement in order to establish the terms and conditions pursuant to which the CAISO and the CRR Entity Agent will discharge their respective duties and responsibilities under the CAISO Tariff.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual covenants set forth herein, **THE PARTIES AGREE** as follows:

**ARTICLE I**

**DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION**

- 1.1 **Master Definitions Supplement.** All terms and expressions used in this Agreement shall have the same meaning as those contained in the Master Definitions Supplement in Appendix A of the CAISO Tariff, unless otherwise defined herein.
- 1.2 **Rules of Interpretation.** The following rules of interpretation and conventions shall apply to this Agreement:
  - (a) if there is any inconsistency between this Agreement and the CAISO Tariff, the CAISO Tariff will prevail to the extent of the inconsistency;
  - (b) the singular shall include the plural and vice versa;
  - (c) the masculine shall include the feminine and neutral and vice versa;
  - (d) "includes" or "including" shall mean "including without limitation";
  - (e) references to a Section, Article, or Schedule shall mean a Section, Article, or a Schedule of this Agreement, as the case may be, unless the context otherwise requires;
  - (f) a reference to a given agreement or instrument shall be a reference to that agreement or instrument as modified, amended, supplemented, or restated through the date as of which such reference is made;
  - (g) unless the context otherwise requires, references to any law shall be deemed references to such law as it may be amended, replaced, or restated from time to time;
  - (h) unless the context otherwise requires, any reference to a "person" includes any individual, partnership, firm, company, corporation, joint venture, trust, association, organization, or other entity, in each case whether or not having separate legal personality;
  - (i) unless the context otherwise requires, any reference to a Party includes a reference to its permitted successors and assigns;
  - (j) any reference to a day, week, month, or year is to a calendar day, week, month, or year; and

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- (k) the captions and headings in this Agreement are inserted solely to facilitate reference and shall have no bearing upon the interpretation of any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

**ARTICLE II**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF CRR ENTITY AGENT AND CAISO**

- 2.1 Scope of Application to Parties.** The CRR Entity Agent and CAISO acknowledge that all MSS Aggregators that are authorized by their aggregated MSS Operators to act as the agent of those MSS Operators in undertaking all obligations and responsibilities of Candidate CRR Holders or CRR Holders must sign this Agreement in accordance with section 4.10.1.9.1 of the CAISO Tariff.

**ARTICLE III**

**TERM AND TERMINATION**

- 3.1 Effective Date.** This Agreement shall be effective as of the later of the date it is executed by both Parties or the date accepted for filing and made effective by FERC, if such FERC filing is required, and shall remain in full force and effect until terminated pursuant to Section 3.2 of this Agreement.
- 3.2 Termination**
- 3.2.1 Termination by CAISO.** Upon notice that the agency relationship between all of the aggregated MSS Operators and the CRR Entity Agent has terminated, including any notice that the MSSAA has terminated, the CAISO may terminate this Agreement by giving written notice to the CRR Entity Agent of termination. Further, subject to Article V, the CAISO may terminate this Agreement by giving written notice to the CRR Entity Agent of termination in the event that the CRR Entity Agent commits any material default under this Agreement and/or the CAISO Tariff as it pertains to this Agreement which, if capable of being remedied, is not remedied within thirty (30) days after the CAISO has given, to the CRR Entity Agent, written notice of the default, unless excused by reason of Uncontrollable Forces in accordance with Article X of this Agreement or unless the CAISO agrees, in writing, to an extension of the time to remedy such material default. With respect to any notice of termination given pursuant to this Section, the CAISO must file a timely notice of termination with FERC, if this Agreement was filed with FERC, or must otherwise comply with the requirements of FERC Order No. 2001 and related FERC orders. The filing of the notice of termination by the CAISO with FERC will be considered timely if: (1) the filing of the notice of termination is made after the preconditions for termination have been met and the CAISO files the notice of termination within sixty (60) days after issuance of the notice of default; or (2) the CAISO files the notice of termination in accordance with the requirements of FERC Order No. 2001. This Agreement shall terminate upon acceptance by FERC of such a notice of termination, if filed with FERC, or thirty (30) days after the date of the CAISO's notice of default, if terminated in accordance with the requirements of FERC Order No. 2001 and related FERC orders.
- 3.2.2 Termination by CRR Entity Agent.** In the event that the CRR Entity Agent is no longer a CRR Holder as trustee for any or all of its aggregated MSS Operators, the CRR Entity Agent may terminate this Agreement, on giving the CAISO not less than ninety (90) days' written notice; provided, however, that any outstanding financial right or obligation or any other obligation under the CAISO Tariff of the Candidate CRR Holder or CRR Holder (regardless of whether such obligation shall be borne by an aggregated MSS Operator or the CRR Entity Agent) that has arisen while the CRR Entity Agent was a Candidate CRR Holder or a CRR Holder as trustee for any or all of its MSS Operators, and any provision of this Agreement necessary to give effect to such right or obligation, shall survive until satisfied. With respect to any notice of termination given pursuant to this Section, the CAISO must file a timely notice of termination with FERC, if

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this Agreement has been filed with FERC, or must otherwise comply with the requirements of FERC Order No. 2001 and related FERC orders. The filing of the notice of termination by the CAISO with FERC will be considered timely if: (1) the request to file a notice of termination is made after the preconditions for termination have been met and the CAISO files the notice of termination within sixty (60) days after receipt of such request; or (2) the CAISO files the notice of termination in accordance with the requirements of FERC Order No. 2001. This Agreement shall terminate upon acceptance by FERC of such a notice of termination, if such notice is required to be filed with FERC, or upon ninety (90) days after the CAISO's receipt of the CRR Entity Agent's notice of termination, if terminated in accordance with the requirements of FERC Order No. 2001 and related FERC orders.

**ARTICLE IV**

**GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

- 4.1 CRR Holder Requirements.** The CRR Entity Agent acting on behalf of its aggregated MSS Operators must register and qualify on behalf of the MSS Operators with the CAISO and comply with all terms of the CAISO Tariff applicable to Candidate CRR Holders or CRR Holders, regardless of the manner in which it acquires the CRRs on behalf of its aggregated MSS Operators, whether by CRR Allocation or CRR Auction, or through the Secondary Registration System. The CRR Entity Agent shall participate in the CRR nomination process on an aggregated basis on behalf of each of its aggregated MSS Operators on the basis of that individual MSS Operator's Load ratio share set forth in Schedule 3. The CAISO shall allocate CRRs to each individual MSS Operator based on its Load ratio share set forth in Schedule 3, which CRRs will be held in the aggregate by the CRR Entity Agent on behalf of its aggregated MSS Operators. The CRR Entity Agent acknowledges and agrees that it shall not hold title to or ownership of any of the CRRs of its aggregated MSS Operators. Ownership and title of any obtained CRRs shall be held in trust by the CRR Entity Agent on behalf of the applicable MSS Operator in accordance with each MSS Operator's Load share ratio as set forth in Schedule 3.
- 4.2 CRR Holder Creditworthiness Requirements.** The CRR Entity Agent acting on behalf of its aggregated MSS Operators must comply with the requirements for creditworthiness applicable to Candidate CRR Holders or CRR Holders, including the creditworthiness provisions of the CAISO Tariff and the relevant Business Practice Manual.
- 4.3 Settlement Account.** The CRR Entity Agent on behalf of its aggregated MSS Operators shall maintain at all times an account with a bank capable of Fedwire transfer and, at its option, may also maintain an account capable of ACH transfers, to which credits or debits shall be made in accordance with the billing and Settlement provisions of Section 11 of the CAISO Tariff. Such account shall be the as notified by the CRR Entity Agent to the CAISO from time to time by giving at least seven (7) days written notice before the new account becomes operational.
- 4.4 CRR Entity Agent Responsibility for MSS Operator Load Share Ratio.** The CRR Entity Agent shall track each aggregated MSS Operator's Load share ratio of CRRs separately as set forth in Schedule 3 and shall be solely responsible for tracking such allocations. The CRR Entity Agent acknowledges and agrees that CAISO shall have no responsibility with regard to such pro rata allocations of CRRs as set forth in Schedule 3. The CAISO shall issue CRRs allocated to the aggregated MSS Operators in aggregate to the CRR Entity Agent, and the CRR Entity Agent shall be solely responsible for ensuring the proper allocation of such CRRs to each aggregated MSS Operator. In the event the MSS Operator and CRR Entity Agent aggregation or agency relationship terminates, the CRR Entity Agent shall be solely responsible for ensuring that the appropriate pro rata share of every CRR Source is properly assigned to the applicable MSS Operator.

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- 4.5 Provision of Evidence of CRR Entity Agent Authority.** The CRR Entity Agent shall provide the CAISO with a copy of the MSSAA or other sufficient evidence to assure the CAISO of its authority to act as agent on behalf of its aggregated MSS Operators with regard to the matters addressed in this Agreement. The CRR Entity Agent shall provide the CAISO with the contact name, address, e-mail address, and phone number of an individual representative of each of its aggregated MSS Operators whom the CAISO may contact regarding matters addressed in this Agreement. The CRR Entity Agent shall immediately notify the CAISO in writing of any revision to the terms of the MSSAA that affects its authority to act as agent on behalf of its aggregated MSS Operators or any other change in its relationship with any of its aggregated MSS Operators.
- 4.6 Electronic Contracting.** All submitted applications, bids, confirmations, changes to information on file with the CAISO and other communications conducted via electronic transfer (e.g., direct computer link, FTP file transfer, bulletin board, e-mail, facsimile or any other means established by the CAISO) shall have the same legal rights, responsibilities, obligations and other implications as set forth in the terms and conditions of the CAISO Tariff as if executed in written format.
- 4.7 Agreement Subject to CAISO Tariff.** The Parties will comply with all provisions of the CAISO Tariff applicable to Candidate CRR Holders or CRR Holders. This Agreement shall be subject to the CAISO Tariff, which shall be deemed to be incorporated herein.

**ARTICLE V**

**PERFORMANCE**

- 5.1 Penalties.** The CRR Entity Agent on behalf of its aggregated MSS Operators shall be subject to all penalties made applicable to Candidate CRR Holders and CRR Holders set forth in the CAISO Tariff. Nothing in this Agreement, with the exception of the provisions relating to the CAISO ADR Procedures, shall be construed as waiving the rights of the CRR Entity Agent on behalf of its aggregated MSS Operators to oppose or protest the specific imposition by the CAISO of any FERC-approved penalty on the CRR Entity Agent or any MSS Operator.
- 5.2 Corrective Measures.** If the CRR Entity Agent or the CAISO fails to meet or maintain the requirements set forth in this Agreement and/or the CAISO Tariff, the CAISO or the CRR Entity Agent shall be permitted to take any of the measures, contained or referenced in the CAISO Tariff as it pertains to this Agreement, which the Party seeking enforcement deems to be necessary to correct the situation.

**ARTICLE VI**

**COSTS**

- 6.1 Operating and Maintenance Costs.** The CRR Entity Agent shall be responsible for all its costs and any costs of its aggregated MSS Operators incurred in connection with all its CRR related activities.

**ARTICLE VII**

**DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

- 7.1 Dispute Resolution.** The Parties shall make reasonable efforts to settle all disputes arising out of or in connection with this Agreement. In the event any dispute is not settled, the Parties shall adhere to the CAISO ADR Procedures set forth in Section 13 of the CAISO Tariff, which is incorporated by reference, except that any reference in Section 13 of the CAISO Tariff to Market Participants shall be read as a reference to one or more aggregated MSS Operators and/or the CRR Entity Agent (as applicable) and references to the CAISO Tariff shall be read as references to this Agreement.

**ARTICLE VIII**

**REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES**

- 8.1 Representation and Warranties.** Each Party represents and warrants that the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement by it has been duly authorized by all necessary corporate and/or governmental actions, to the extent authorized by law, and that the proper agreements providing for the CRR Entity Agent relationship with each aggregated MSS Operator, including, but not limited to, the MSSAA, are in full force and effect.

**ARTICLE IX**

**LIABILITY**

- 9.1 Liability.** The provisions of Section 14 of the CAISO Tariff will apply to liability arising under this Agreement, except that all references in Section 14 of the CAISO Tariff to Market Participants shall be read as references to one or more aggregated MSS Operators and/or the CRR Entity Agent (as applicable), and references to the CAISO Tariff shall be read as references to this Agreement. Further, in reliance on the agency relationship between the CRR Entity Agent and each aggregated MSS Operator, CAISO shall treat the CRR Entity Agent as the MSS Operators and shall not be liable to any aggregated MSS Operator for any claims, liabilities, or errors arising from this agency relationship, including, but not limited to, CRR ownership or Settlement Accounts, unless the CAISO causes such claim(s), liability(ies) or error(s) due to its gross negligence or willful conduct.

**ARTICLE X**

**UNCONTROLLABLE FORCES**

- 10.1 Uncontrollable Forces Tariff Provisions.** Section 14.1 of the CAISO Tariff shall be incorporated by reference into this Agreement except that all references in Section 14.1 of the CAISO Tariff to Market Participants shall be read as a reference to one or more aggregated MSS Operators and/or the CRR Entity Agent (as applicable) and references to the CAISO Tariff shall be read as references to this Agreement.

**ARTICLE XI**

**MISCELLANEOUS**

- 11.1 Assignments.** Either Party may assign or transfer any or all of its rights and/or obligations under this Agreement with the other Party's prior written consent in accordance with Section 22.2 of the CAISO Tariff and other CAISO Tariff requirements as applied to Candidate CRR Holders or CRR Holders. Such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. Any such transfer or assignment shall be conditioned upon the successor in interest accepting the rights and/or obligations under this Agreement as if said successor in interest was an original Party to this Agreement.
- 11.2 Notices.** Any notice, demand, or request which may be given to or made upon either Party regarding this Agreement shall be made in accordance with Section 22.4 of the CAISO Tariff, provided that all references in Section 22.4 of the CAISO Tariff to Market Participants shall be read as a reference to the CRR Entity Agent and references to the CAISO Tariff shall be read as references to this Agreement, and unless otherwise stated or agreed shall be made to the representative of the other Party indicated in Schedule 1. A Party must update the information in Schedule 1 of this Agreement as information changes. Such changes to Schedule 1 shall not constitute an amendment to this Agreement.

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- 11.3 Waivers.** Any waiver at any time by either Party of its rights with respect to any default under this Agreement, or with respect to any other matter arising in connection with this Agreement, shall not constitute or be deemed a waiver with respect to any subsequent default or other matter arising in connection with this Agreement. Any delay, short of the statutory period of limitations, in asserting or enforcing any right under this Agreement shall not constitute or be deemed a waiver of such right.
- 11.4 Governing Law and Forum.** This Agreement shall be deemed to be a contract made under, and for all purposes shall be governed by and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of California, except its conflict of law provisions. The Parties irrevocably consent that any legal action or proceeding arising under or relating to this Agreement to which the CAISO ADR Procedures do not apply, shall be brought in any of the following forums, as appropriate: (i) any court of the State of California, (ii) any federal court of the United States of America located in the State of California, except to the extent subject to the protections of the Eleventh Amendment of the United States Constitution, or (iii) where subject to its jurisdiction, before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.
- 11.5 Consistency with Federal Laws and Regulations.** This Agreement shall incorporate by reference Section 22.9 of the CAISO Tariff as if the references to the CAISO Tariff were referring to this Agreement.
- 11.6 Merger.** This Agreement constitutes the complete and final agreement of the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior agreements, whether written or oral, with respect to such subject matter.
- 11.7 Severability.** If any term, covenant, or condition of this Agreement or the application or effect of any such term, covenant, or condition is held invalid as to any person, entity, or circumstance, or is determined to be unjust, unreasonable, unlawful, imprudent, or otherwise not in the public interest by any court or government agency of competent jurisdiction, then such term, covenant, or condition shall remain in force and effect to the maximum extent permitted by law, and all other terms, covenants, and conditions of this Agreement and their application shall not be affected thereby, but shall remain in force and effect and the Parties shall be relieved of their obligations only to the extent necessary to eliminate such regulatory or other determination unless a court or governmental agency of competent jurisdiction holds that such provisions are not separable from all other provisions of this Agreement.
- 11.8 [NOT USED]**
- 11.9 Amendments.** This Agreement and the Schedules attached hereto may be amended from time to time by the mutual agreement of the Parties in writing. Amendments that require FERC approval shall not take effect until FERC has accepted such amendments for filing and made them effective. Nothing herein shall be construed as affecting in any way the right of the CAISO to make unilateral application to FERC for a change in the rates, terms, and conditions of this Agreement under Section 205 of the FPA and pursuant to FERC's rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, and the CRR Entity Agent shall have the right to make a unilateral filing with FERC to modify this Agreement pursuant to Section 206 or any other applicable provision of the FPA and FERC's rules and regulations thereunder; provided that each Party shall have the right to protest any such filing by the other Party and to participate fully in any proceeding before FERC in which such modifications may be considered. Nothing in this Agreement shall limit the rights of the Parties or of FERC under Sections 205 or 206 of the FPA and FERC's rules and regulations thereunder, except to the extent that the Parties otherwise mutually agree as provided herein. The standard of review FERC apply when acting upon proposed modifications to this Agreement by the CAISO shall be the "just and reasonable" standard of review rather than the "public interest" standard of review. The standard of review FERC shall apply when acting upon proposed modifications to this Agreement by FERC's own motion or by a signatory other than the CAISO or non-signatory entity shall also be the "just and reasonable" standard of review.

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Schedule 1 is provided for informational purposes and revisions to that schedule do not constitute a material change in the Agreement warranting FERC review.

**11.10 Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts at different times, each of which shall be regarded as an original and all of which, taken together, shall constitute one and the same Agreement.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed on behalf of each by and through their authorized representatives as of the date hereinabove written.

**California Independent System Operator Corporation**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**[INSERT NAME OF CRR ENTITY AGENT]**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**SCHEDULE 1**

**NOTICES**

**[Section 11.2]**

**CRR Entity Agent**

Name of Primary

Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax No: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Alternative

Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax No: \_\_\_\_\_

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**CAISO**

Name of Primary

Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Alternative

Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

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**SCHEDULE 3**

**[Pro Rata Load Share per MSS Operator Represented by CRR Entity Agent]**

**[Section 4.4]**