

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Order Instituting Investigation pursuant to Senate Bill 380 to determine the feasibility of minimizing or eliminating the use of the Aliso Canyon natural gas storage facility located in the County of Los Angeles while still maintaining energy reliability for the region.

Investigation 17-02-002
(Filed February 9, 2017)

**NOTICE OF EX PARTE MEETING OF THE
CALIFORNIA INDEPENDENT SYSTEM OPERATOR CORPORATION**

Pursuant to Article 8.4 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the California Independent System Operator Corporation (CAISO) hereby provides notice of oral ex parte communication in the above captioned proceeding.

This filing provides a summary of the CAISO's April 22, 2022 ex parte discussion with Anand Durvasula, Interim Chief of Staff and Legal Advisor to President Reynolds, and Interim Legal and Policy Advisors Rosanne O'Hara and Jason Reiger. The meeting occurred from approximately 11:00 A.M. to 11:17 A.M. In attendance from the Energy Division was Eileen Hlavka. Neil Millar, Vice President of Infrastructure and Operations Planning; Delphine Hou, Director of California Regulatory Affairs; Cristy Sanada, Manager of California Regulatory Affairs, and Sarah Kozal, Counsel participated by Webex on behalf of the CAISO.

Mr. Millar and Ms. Hou informed Commission staff that the CAISO is initiating an Aliso Canyon special study in its annual Transmission Planning Process (TPP) for the 2022-2023 transmission planning cycle. The CAISO expects the results of the special study to show what reasonable local reliability impacts will need to be mitigated with a gas shortfall in the LA Basin. For the study inputs, the CAISO intends to utilize as much public information as possible but may need to fill in gaps with its own assumptions, which are generally vetted through the public stakeholder process already in place as part of the annual TPP cycle. The CAISO expects to finalize assumptions in September, with study results available at the end of this year or the beginning of 2023. As the special study is part of the existing TPP process which consists of

other mandated work, it is not possible to accelerate one piece and perform the Aliso Canyon special study any faster.

Additionally, the CAISO clarified that the timeline suggested for a CAISO local reliability study in the Joint Status Conference Statement, filed December 1, 2021, is no longer workable, even if the dates were adjusted to reflect a later start to the schedule. That offer took advantage of the CAISO's local reliability capacity process, which is now coming to a close.

Respectfully submitted

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