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**Presentation to the California ISO Audit Committee** 

October 27-28, 2011



## Agenda

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### **Our Audit Objectives**

Our audit of the ISO's 2011 financial statements is directed towards delivering assurance at three levels:

- Independent opinions and reports that add credibility to financial statements released by the ISO
  - Annual financial statements (general purpose)
  - FERC Form 1 financial statements
- Assistance to the audit committee in discharging their corporate governance and compliance responsibilities
- Observations and advice on financial reporting and business issues

Our engagement letter sets out the terms of our appointment as auditors of the ISO

# Timing

#### Activity

Meeting with Audit Committee Audit planning and interim testing Audit fieldwork Issuance of audit reports Report to the Audit Committee Dates October 2011 November 2011 - January 2012 March 2012 April 2012 May 16-17, 2012

## **Key Audit Areas**

Areas requiring significant judgment and analysis by ISO management and PwC include:

- New headquarters
  - Depreciation for the new building assets (2012 is first full year of depreciation on the assets)
  - Old headquarters building
  - Accounting for lease termination/exiting the old properties
  - Calculation and recording of related liability and other occupancy costs

## Key Audit Areas

- Contingencies
  - Market disputes in Good Faith Negotiations and beyond
  - ISO and related GMC exposures not market issues
  - Other
    - Determination of fair value for hard to value investments
    - Risk of management override of controls

## Audit Strategy

- A risk-based audit approach focused on key risks, identified management judgments and estimates
- Includes limited reliance on internal controls but not an opinion on controls
- Excludes most financial flows in the market except for cash held on behalf of market participants

### Other related assurance services

- Executive Compensation Agreed Upon Procedures
  - Fieldwork occurs in late Spring 2012
  - Perform procedures and report findings on the compensation and benefits consistency with Board directives and other internal documents for the 2011 calendar year
  - Report to the Board in May or July
- Code of Conduct Agreed Upon Procedures
  - Fieldwork occurs in January 2012
  - Perform procedures and report findings on the ISO's processes surrounding annual certification process and related procedures for 2011 certification cycle
  - Report to the Board in February 2012

# Closing

- We continue to report to and communicate directly with the Audit Committee / Board of Governors
- We are independent of the ISO and have no relationships with the ISO that would impair our independence
- PwC encourages communication and feedback from the Audit Committee
- Questions?