

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

In the Matter of the Application of Southern California Edison Company (U338E) for a Permit to Construct Electrical Substation Facilities with Voltage over 50 kV: Mesa 500 kV Substation Project

Application 15-03-003
(Filed March 13, 2015)

**OPENING COMMENTS OF THE CALIFORNIA INDEPENDENT SYSTEM
OPERATOR CORPORATION ON THE PROPOSED DECISION**

Pursuant to Rule 14.3 of the California Public Utilities Commission's (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure, the California Independent System Operator Corporation (CAISO) files these comments on the Proposed *Decision Granting Permit to Construct the Mesa 500-kV Substation Project* (Proposed Decision). The CAISO fully supports the Proposed Decision, which appropriately identifies Southern California Edison Company's Mesa Substation project as the only feasible option to meet project objectives. The CAISO requests that the Commission approve the Proposed Decision as soon as possible to maintain electric system reliability in southern California and facilitate the planned closure of identified gas-fired generation in compliance with the State Water Resource Control Board's once-through-cooling policy.

Respectfully submitted,

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