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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20426

OFFICE OF ENERGY MARKET REGULATION

California Independent System Operator
Corporation
Docket No. ER17-490-000

Issued: March 2, 2017

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

Attention: Andrew Ulmer
Director, Federal Regulatory Affairs

Reference: Order Accepting and Suspending Filing, Subject to Refund, and
Further Commission Order

Dear Mr. Ulmer:

On December 5, 2016, pursuant to section 205 of the Federal Power Act,¹ California Independent System Operator Corporation (CAISO) submitted proposed tariff revisions intended to modify the technical requirements associated with automatic voltage regulators in its tariff. These modifications include a proposal to require newly interconnecting non-synchronous generators to be under the control of automatic voltage regulators. CAISO states that the filing will clarify technical requirements associated with automatic voltage regulators for resources providing reactive power capability and will help ensure that resources operate to support voltage schedules. CAISO seeks an effective date for the proposed tariff revisions of March 6, 2017.

CAISO's filing was noticed on December 6, 2016, with interventions and protests due on or before December 27, 2016. Pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure,² any notices of intervention and timely filed, unopposed

¹ 16 U.S.C. § 824d (2012).

² 18 C.F.R. § 385.214 (2016).

motions to intervene serve to make the filer a party to this proceeding.³

EDF Renewable Energy (EDF) challenges the filing, disputing the proposed requirement that newly interconnecting non-synchronous generators be under the control of automatic voltage regulators. EDF asserts that the proposed tariff revisions will impose unnecessary costs on non-synchronous generators.

Preliminary analysis indicates that CAISO's proposed tariff revisions have not been shown to be just and reasonable and may be unjust, unreasonable, unduly discriminatory or preferential, or otherwise unlawful. Therefore, pursuant to the authority delegated to the Director, Division of Electric Power Regulation – West, Office of Energy Market Regulation, in the Commission's February 3, 2017 Order Delegating Further Authority to Staff in Absence of Quorum,⁴ CAISO's proposed tariff revisions are accepted for filing, suspended for a nominal period, to become effective March 6, 2017, as requested, subject to refund and further Commission order. Protests and comments will be addressed in a further Commission order as appropriate.

This acceptance for filing shall not be construed as constituting approval of the referenced filing or of any rate, charge, classification, or any rule, regulation, or practice affecting such rate or service contained in your filing; nor shall such acceptance be deemed as recognition of any claimed contractual right or obligation associated therewith; and such acceptance 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.

Consistent with Rule 1902 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure,⁵ requests for rehearing by the Commission may be filed within 30 days of the date of

³ Any late and opposed motions to intervene will be addressed in a further Commission order as appropriate.

⁴ *Agency Operations in the Absence of a Quorum*, 158 FERC ¶ 61,135 (2017).

⁵ 18 C.F.R. § 385.1902 (2016).

issuance of this order.⁶

Sincerely,

Steve Rodgers, Director
Division of Electric Power
Regulation – West

⁶ 18 C.F.R. § 385.713 (2016).