

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

California Independent System Operator  
Corporation

Docket Nos. ER04-115-000  
EL04-47-000

ORDER OF CHIEF JUDGE DESIGNATING SETTLEMENT JUDGE  
AND SCHEDULING SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE

(Issued January 9, 2004)

1. The Commission by order issued on December 31, 2003, 105 FERC ¶ 61,406, directed the Chief Judge to appoint a Settlement Judge to assist the parties in arriving at a settlement of the issues in this case. The Commission gave the parties the opportunity to request the Chief Judge to appoint a specific judge mutually agreed by all parties. The parties requested that Judge Birchman be appointed the settlement judge in this proceeding.
2. Accordingly, the Chief Judge hereby appoints Judge Bruce L. Birchman as the settlement judge in this case to convene a settlement conference, to explore the possibility of settlement, to discuss the differences between the parties, and in general to conduct the settlement negotiations. Participants are directed to have persons present at the settlement negotiations with authority to negotiate and accept or approve settlement terms.
3. A settlement conference with Judge Birchman is hereby scheduled to convene at 10:00 a.m., on January 20, 2004, in a hearing room of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. The parties are advised to hold January 21 and January 22 open in the event the settlement negotiations continue.
4. Settlement Judge Birchman is available to talk with the parties individually or in groups prior to the first settlement conference. Any party wishing to meet with Judge Birchman may call Judge Birchman's legal technician, Ms. Linda Palmateer, at 202-502-6558 to arrange for a meeting.
5. The Chief Judge strongly encourages electronic filings. See, 18 C.F.R. § 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site under the "Documents & Filing" tab.

Curtis L. Wagner, Jr.  
Chief Administrative Law Judge