



April 21, 2004

VIA Electronic and U.S. Mail

Jean Vieth
Administrative Law Judge
CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: R.04-01-026 – Order Instituting Rulemaking on Policies and Practices for the Commission's
Transmission Assessment Process

Dear ALJ Veith,

Pursuant to Rule 48 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the California Independent System Operator ("ISO") respectfully requests an extension of time to reply to comments filed in the above-referenced proceeding. In your ruling issued on March 10, 2004, you established May 3, 2004 as the date for filing reply comments. The ISO requests that this date be extended to May 12, 2004. The need for the extension arises from the ISO's desire to fully evaluate and respond to the numerous legal and policy issues raised by several intervenors. The ISO has attempted to contact each party that filed comments in an effort to obtain approval for the extension. At this time no intervenor has objected to the ISO's request and counsel for the City of Temecula, et al., Southern California Edison, the Border Generators, and TURN have expressly consented to the extension. Moreover, the extension will not result in prejudice to either intervenors or the Commission given that testimony on the ISO's proposed economic methodology for assessing transmission project addressed in this proceeding will not be filed until June 2004 in I.00-1-01.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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