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Richard Maullin elected chair of California ISO Board

FOLSOM, Calif. – Richard Maullin has been elected today as the new chair of the California Independent System Operator Board of Governors. Board members unanimously selected Mr. Maullin to the position during a special board meeting held today, a week after former Chair Robert Foster announced his resignation effective September 30 to pursue opportunities in the private sector.

Mr. Maullin, a sitting member of the board, was re-appointed to the ISO board in January 2012 by California Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. for a three-year term that expires on December 31, 2014.

“Richard for years has served as a key member of the board and is an excellent choice to serve as chair,” said Steve Berberich, ISO president and CEO. “His guidance and expertise will help guide the ISO as it works to modernize the grid and ushers in a new era in regional coordination.”

The ISO Board of Governors is composed of five members who are appointed by the governor and confirmed by the California Senate to three-year staggered terms. The ISO will use an independent executive search firm and stakeholder review process to seek nominees for the member position soon to be vacated by Mr. Foster. The ISO will then provide the governor with a list of recommended appointees for his consideration.

Mr. Maullin is a founding partner of Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin, Metz & Associates, an opinion research and consulting firm. Previously, he was president and chief executive officer of MCR Geothermal Corporation (1980-1985). Mr. Maullin was a member of the Social Science staff of the RAND Corporation (1965-1971). He served as chairman of the California Energy Commission (1975-1979) and as Deputy Secretary of State (1971-1974).

In addition to membership in various professional organizations, he serves as the Chairman of the Vilnius Yiddish Institute at Vilnius University in Lithuania. He also has taught international relations at UCLA. Mr. Maullin is bilingual in English and Spanish.

The California ISO is largest power grid operator in the west and facilitates a real-time wholesale energy imbalance market that will expand into six western states beginning November 1.

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