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**7. System Operations Under Normal And Emergency Conditions**

**7.1 CAISO Control Center Operations**

**7.1.1 Maintain CAISO Control Center**

The CAISO shall maintain a WECC approved Balancing Authority Area and Primary CAISO Control Center to direct the operation of all facilities forming part of the CAISO Controlled Grid, including Reliability Must-Run Units, System Resources, and Generating Units providing Ancillary Services.

**7.1.2 Maintain Back-Up Control Facility**

The CAISO shall maintain back-up control facilities remote from the Primary CAISO Control Center sufficient to enable the CAISO to continue to direct the operation of the CAISO Controlled Grid, Reliability Must-Run Units, System Resources and Generating Units providing Ancillary Services in the event of the Primary CAISO Control Center becoming inoperable. The CAISO may delegate responsibilities to the Backup Control Center in which case the Primary CAISO Control Center shall serve as the back-up control facility for those responsibilities.

**7.1.3 CAISO Control Center Authorities**

The CAISO shall have full authority, subject to this CAISO Tariff, to direct the operation of the facilities referred to in Section 7.1.1 and 7.1.2 including (without limitation), to:

- (a) direct the physical operation by the Participating TOs of transmission facilities under the Operational Control of the CAISO, including (without limitation) circuit breakers, switches, voltage control equipment, protective relays, metering, and Load Shedding equipment;
- (b) commit and dispatch Reliability Must-Run Units, except that the CAISO shall only commit Reliability Must-Run Generation for Ancillary Services capacity according to Section 41;
- (c) order a change in operating status of auxiliary equipment required to control voltage or frequency;

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- (d) take any action it considers to be necessary consistent with Good Utility Practice to protect against uncontrolled losses of Load or Generation and/or equipment damage resulting from unforeseen occurrences;
- (e) control the output of Generating Units, Interconnection schedules, and System Resources that are selected to provide Ancillary Services or Energy;
- (f) Dispatch Curtailable Demand and Demand Response Services which have been scheduled to provide Non-Spinning Reserve or Energy from Participating Loads or Proxy Demand Resources or which have been scheduled to provide Energy from Reliability Demand Response Resources;
- (g) procure Energy for a threatened or imminent System Emergency;
- (h) require the operation of resources which are at the CAISO's disposal in a System Emergency, as described in Section 7.7;
- (i) exercise Operational Control of all transmission lines greater than 230kV and associated equipment on the CAISO Controlled Grid;
- (j) exercise Operation Control of all Interconnections; and
- (k) exercise Operational Control of all 230kV and lower voltage transmission lines and associated station equipment identified in the CAISO Register as that portion of the CAISO Controlled Grid.

The CAISO will exercise its authority under this Section 7.1.3 by issuing Dispatch Instructions to the relevant Market Participants using the relevant communications method described in this CAISO Tariff.

**7.2 Operating Reliability Criteria**

The CAISO shall exercise Operational Control over the CAISO Controlled Grid in compliance with all Applicable Reliability Criteria and Operating Procedures. The North American Electric Reliability Corporation's (NERC) Qualified Path Unscheduled Flow Relief for the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC), Reliability Standard WECC-IRO-STD-006-0 filed by

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NERC in FERC Docket No. RR07-11-000 on March 26, 2007, and approved by FERC on June 8, 2007, and any amendments thereto, are hereby incorporated and made part of this CAISO Tariff. See [www.nerc.com](http://www.nerc.com) for the current version of the NERC's Qualified Path Unscheduled Flow Relief Procedures for WECC.

**7.3 Transmission Planning Authority**

**7.3.1 Criteria For CAISO's Operational Control**

The CAISO shall exercise Operational Control over the CAISO Controlled Grid to meet planning and Operating Reserve criteria no less stringent than those established by WECC and NERC as those standards may be modified from time to time, and Local Reliability Criteria that are in existence on the CAISO Operations Date and have been submitted to the CAISO by each Participating TO pursuant to Section 2.2.1(v) of the TCA. All Market Participants and the CAISO shall comply with the CAISO Reliability Criteria, standards, and procedures

**7.3.2 Planning Guidelines; Revision Of Local Reliability Criteria**

The CAISO Governing Board may establish planning guidelines more stringent than those established by NERC and WECC as needed for the secure and reliable operation of the CAISO Controlled Grid. The CAISO may revise the Local Reliability Criteria subject to and in accordance with Section 5 of the TCA.

**7.3.3 NAESB Standards**

The following standards of the Wholesale Electric Quadrant (WEQ) of the North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB) are incorporated by reference, except to the extent FERC has granted waiver of such NAESB WEQ standards:

- WEQ-000, Abbreviations, Acronyms, and Definition of Terms, WEQ Version 003, July 31, 2012, as modified by NAESB final actions ratified on Oct. 4, 2012, Nov. 28, 2012 and Dec. 28, 2012 (with minor corrections applied Nov. 26, 2013);
- WEQ-001, Open Access Same-Time Information System (OASIS), OASIS Version 2.0, WEQ Version 003, July 31, 2012, as modified by NAESB final actions ratified on Dec. 28, 2012 (with minor corrections applied Nov. 26,

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2013) excluding Standards 001-9.5, 001-10.5, 001-14.1.3, 001-15.1.2 and 001-106.2.5, and exclusively as to Standards 001-13.1.1, 001-13.1.4, 001-13.1.5, and 001-16;

- WEQ-002, Open Access Same-Time Information System (OASIS) Business Practice Standards and Communication Protocols (S&CP), OASIS Version 2.0, WEQ Version 003, July 31, 2012, as modified by NAESB final actions ratified on Nov. 28, 2012 and Dec. 28, 2012 (with minor corrections applied Nov. 26, 2013);
- WEQ-003, Open Access Same-Time Information System (OASIS) Data Dictionary Business Practice Standards, OASIS Version 2.0, WEQ Version 003, July 31, 2012, as modified by NAESB final actions ratified on Dec. 28, 2012 (with minor corrections applied Nov. 26, 2013);
- WEQ-004, Coordinate Interchange, WEQ Version 003, July 31, 2012 (with Final Action ratified on December 28, 2012);
- WEQ-005, Area Control Error (ACE) Equation Special Cases, WEQ Version 003, July 31, 2012;
- WEQ-006, Manual Time Error Correction, WEQ Version 003, July 31, 2012;
- WEQ-007, Inadvertent Interchange Payback, WEQ Version 003, July 31, 2012;
- WEQ-008, Transmission Loading Relief (TLR) – Eastern Interconnection, WEQ Version 003, July 31, 2012 (with minor corrections applied November 28, 2012);
- WEQ-011, Gas / Electric Coordination, WEQ Version 003, July 31, 2012;
- WEQ-012, Public Key Infrastructure (PKI), WEQ Version 003, July 31, 2012, as modified by NAESB final actions ratified on Oct. 4, 2012);
- WEQ-013, Open Access Same-Time Information System (OASIS) Implementation Guide, OASIS Version 2.0, WEQ Version 003, July 31, 2012,

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as modified by NAESB final actions ratified on Dec. 28, 2012 (with minor corrections applied Nov. 26, 2013);

- WEQ-015, Measurement and Verification of Wholesale Electricity Demand Response, WEQ Version 003, July 31, 2012; and
- WEQ-021, Measurement and Verification of Energy Efficiency Products, WEQ Version 003, July 31, 2012.

Pursuant to FERC's Order on Requests for Waiver, Docket No. ER15-531-000 (May 18, 2015), 151 FERC ¶ 61,151, the CAISO has been granted a waiver of the following NAESB WEQ standards:

- WEQ-001, Open Access Same-Time Information System (OASIS), OASIS Version 2.0, WEQ Version 003, July 31, 2012, as modified by NAESB final actions ratified on Dec. 28, 2012 (with minor corrections applied Nov. 26, 2013) excluding Standards 001-9.5, 001-10.5, 001-14.1.3, 001-15.1.2 and 001-106.2.5, and except as set forth above;
- WEQ-002, Open Access Same-Time Information System (OASIS) Business Practice Standards and Communication Protocols (S&CP), OASIS Version 2.0, WEQ Version 003, July 31, 2012, as modified by NAESB final actions ratified on Nov. 28, 2012 and Dec. 28, 2012 (with minor corrections applied Nov. 26, 2013);
- WEQ-003, Open Access Same-Time Information System (OASIS) Data Dictionary Business Practice Standards, OASIS Version 2.0, WEQ Version 003, July 31, 2012, as modified by NAESB final actions ratified on Dec. 28, 2012 (with minor corrections applied Nov. 26, 2013);
- WEQ-012, Public Key Infrastructure (PKI), WEQ Version 003, July 31, 2012, as modified by NAESB final actions ratified on Oct. 4, 2012) to the extent it applies to OASIS applications; and
- WEQ-013, Open Access Same-Time Information System (OASIS) Implementation Guide, OASIS Version 2.0, WEQ Version 003, July 31, 2012,

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as modified by NAESB final actions ratified on Dec. 28, 2012 (with minor corrections applied Nov. 26, 2013).

**7.4 General Standard Of Care**

When the CAISO is exercising Operational Control of the CAISO Controlled Grid, the CAISO and Market Participants shall comply with Good Utility Practice.

**7.5 Routine Operation Of The CAISO Controlled Grid**

The CAISO shall operate the CAISO Controlled Grid in accordance with the standards described in Section 7.2 and within the limit of all applicable Nomograms and established operating limits and procedures.

**7.5.1 CAISO Controlled Facilities**

**7.5.1.1 General**

The CAISO shall have Operational Control of all transmission lines and associated station equipment that have been transferred to the CAISO Controlled Grid from the Participating TOs as listed in the CAISO Register.

**7.5.2 Clearing Equipment For Work**

The clearance procedures of the CAISO and the relevant UDC and Participating TO must be adhered to by all parties, to ensure the safety of all personnel working on CAISO Controlled Grid transmission lines and equipment. In accordance with Section 9.3, no work shall start on any equipment or line which is under the Operational Control of the CAISO unless final approval has first been obtained from the appropriate CAISO Control Center. Prior to starting the switching to return any line or equipment to service the CAISO shall confirm that all formal requests to work on the cleared line or equipment have been released.

**7.5.3 Equipment De-Energized For Work**

In some circumstances, System Reliability requirements may require a recall capability that can only be achieved by allowing work to proceed with the line or equipment de-energized only (i.e. not cleared and grounded). Any personnel working on such de-energized lines and equipment must take all precautions as if the line or equipment were energized. Prior to energizing any such

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lines or equipment de-energized for work, the CAISO shall confirm that all formal requests to work on the de-energized line or equipment have been released.

**7.5.4 Hot-Line Work**

The CAISO has full authority to approve requests by Participating TOs to work on energized equipment under the Operational Control of the CAISO, and no such work shall be commenced until the CAISO has given its approval.

**7.5.5 Intertie Switching**

The CAISO and the appropriate single point of contact for the relevant Participating TO and the adjacent Balancing Authority Area shall coordinate during the de-energizing or energizing of any Interconnection.

**7.5.6 Operating Voltage Control Equipment**

**7.5.6.1 Operating Voltage Control Equipment Under CAISO Control**

The CAISO will direct each Participating TO's single point of contact in the operation of voltage control equipment that is under the CAISO's Operational Control.

**7.5.6.2 Operating Voltage Control Equipment Under UDC Control**

Each UDC must operate voltage control equipment under UDC control in accordance with existing UDC voltage control guidelines.

**7.5.6.3 Special CAISO Voltage Control Requirements**

The CAISO may request a Participating TO via its single point of contact or a UDC via its single point of contact to operate under special voltage control requirements from time to time due to special system conditions.

**7.6 Normal System Operations**

**7.6.1 Actions For Maintaining Reliability Of CAISO Controlled Grid**

The CAISO shall obtain the control over Generating Units that it needs to control the CAISO Controlled Grid and maintain reliability by ensuring that sufficient Energy and Ancillary Services are procured through the CAISO Markets. When the CAISO responds to events or circumstances, it shall first use the generation control it is able to obtain from the Energy and Ancillary Services Bids it has received to respond to the operating event and maintain reliability.



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Only when the CAISO has used the Energy and Ancillary Services that are available to it under such Energy and Ancillary Services Bids which prove to be effective in responding to the problem and the CAISO is still in need of additional control over Generating Units, shall the CAISO assume supervisory control over other Generating Units. It is expected that at this point, the operational circumstances will be so severe that a Real-Time system problem or emergency condition could be in existence or imminent.

Each Participating Generator shall take, at the direction of the CAISO, such actions affecting such Generator as the CAISO determines to be necessary to maintain the reliability of the CAISO Controlled Grid. Such actions shall include (but are not limited to):

- (a) compliance with Dispatch Instructions including instructions to deliver Energy and Ancillary Services in Real-Time pursuant to the AS Awards, Day-Ahead Schedules and FMM Schedules, and FMM AS Awards;
- (b) compliance with the system operation requirements set out in this Section 7;
- (c) notification to the CAISO of the persons to whom an instruction of the CAISO should be directed on a 24-hour basis, including their telephone and facsimile numbers; and
- (d) the provision of communications, telemetry and direct control requirements, including the establishment of a direct communication link from the control room of the Generator to the CAISO in a manner that ensures that the CAISO will have the ability, consistent with this CAISO Tariff, to direct the operations of the Generator as necessary to maintain the reliability of the CAISO Controlled Grid, except that a Participating Generator will be exempt from CAISO requirements imposed in accordance with this subsection (d) with regard to any Generating Unit with a rated capacity of less than ten (10) MW, unless that Generating Unit is certified by the CAISO to provide Ancillary Services.

## **7.7 Management Of System Emergencies**

### **7.7.1 System Emergency**

When, in the judgment of the CAISO, the System Reliability of the CAISO Controlled Grid is in danger of instability, voltage collapse or under-frequency caused by transmission or Generation trouble in the CAISO Balancing Authority Area, or events outside of the CAISO Balancing Authority Area that could result in a cascade of events throughout the WECC grid, the CAISO will declare a System Emergency. This declaration may include a notice to suspend the Day-Ahead and Real-Time Markets, authorize full use of Black Start Generating Units, initiate full control of manual Load Shedding, and authorize the curtailment of Curtailable Demand (even though not scheduled as an Ancillary Service). The CAISO will reduce the System Emergency declaration to a lower alert status when it is satisfied, after conferring with Reliability Coordinators within the WECC, that the major contributing factors have been corrected, and all involuntarily interrupted Demand is back in service (except interrupted Curtailable Demand selected as an Ancillary Service). This reduction in alert status will reinstate the competitive markets if they have been suspended.

### **7.7.2 Emergency Procedures**

In the event of a System Emergency, the CAISO shall take such action as it considers necessary to preserve or restore stable operation of the CAISO Controlled Grid. The CAISO shall act in accordance with Good Utility Practice to preserve or restore reliable, safe and efficient service as quickly as reasonably practicable. The CAISO shall keep system operators in adjacent Balancing Authority Areas informed as to the nature and extent of the System Emergency in accordance with WECC procedures and, where practicable, shall additionally keep the Market Participants within the Balancing Authority Area informed.

#### **7.7.2.1 Declarations of System Emergencies**

The CAISO shall, when it considers that conditions giving rise to a System Emergency exist, declare the existence of such System Emergency. A declaration by the CAISO of a System Emergency shall be binding on all Market Participants until the CAISO announces that the System Emergency no longer exists.

**7.7.2.2 Responsibilities of UDCs and MSSs Operators During a System Emergency**

In the event of a System Emergency, UDCs shall comply with all directions from the CAISO concerning the management and alleviation of the System Emergency and shall comply with all procedures concerning System Emergencies set out in this CAISO Tariff, the Business Practice Manuals, and the Operating Procedures, and each MSS Operator shall comply with all directions from the CAISO concerning the avoidance, management and alleviation of the System Emergency and shall comply with all procedures concerning System Emergencies set forth in the CAISO Tariff, Business Practice Manuals and Operating Procedures. During a System Emergency, the CAISO and UDCs shall communicate through their respective control centers and in accordance with procedures established in individual UDC Operating Agreements, and the CAISO and the MSS Operator shall communicate through their respective control centers and in accordance with procedures established in the MSS Agreement.

**7.7.2.3 Responsibilities of Generating Units, System Units and System Resources During System Emergencies**

All Generating Units and System Units that are owned or controlled by a Participating Generator are (without limitation to the CAISO's other rights under this CAISO Tariff) subject to control by the CAISO during a System Emergency and in circumstances in which the CAISO considers that a System Emergency is imminent or threatened. The CAISO shall, subject to this Section 7, have the authority to instruct a Participating Generator to bring its Generating Unit on-line, off-line, or increase or curtail the output of the Generating Unit and to alter scheduled deliveries of Energy and Ancillary Services into or out of the CAISO Controlled Grid, if such an instruction is reasonably necessary to prevent an imminent or threatened System Emergency or to retain Operational Control over the CAISO Controlled Grid during an actual System Emergency. The CAISO shall have the authority to instruct an RMR Unit whose owner has selected Condition 2 of its RMR Contract to start-up and change its output if the CAISO has reasonably used all other available and effective resources to prevent a threatened System Emergency without declaring that a System Emergency exists. If the CAISO so instructs a Condition 2 RMR Unit, it shall compensate that unit in accordance with Section 11.5.6.3 and allocate the costs in accordance with Section 11.5.6.3.2. Each QF subject to an Existing QF Contract and not subject to a PGA or

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Net Scheduled PGA will make reasonable efforts to comply with the CAISO's instructions during a System Emergency without penalty for failure to do so.

**7.7.3 Notifications By CAISO Of System Conditions**

The CAISO will provide the following notifications to Market Participants to communicate unusual system conditions or emergencies.

**7.7.3.1 System Alert**

CAISO will give an AWE Notice of a system alert when the operating requirements of the CAISO Controlled Grid are marginal because of Demand exceeding forecast, loss of major Generation or loss of transmission capacity that has curtailed imports into the CAISO Balancing Authority Area, or if it otherwise appears that there is insufficient Energy and Ancillary Services to meet Real-Time Demand in the CAISO Balancing Authority Area.

**7.7.3.2 System Warning**

The CAISO will give an AWE Notice of a system warning when the operating requirements for the CAISO Controlled Grid are not being met in the Real-Time Market, or the quantity of Regulation, Spinning Reserve, Non-Spinning Reserve, and Energy available to the CAISO is not acceptable for the Applicable Reliability Criteria. This system warning notice will notify Market Participants that the CAISO will, acting in accordance with Good Utility Practice, take such steps as it considers necessary to ensure compliance with Applicable Reliability Criteria, including the negotiation of commitments for Generation through processes other than competitive Bids.

**7.7.4 Intervention In CAISO Market Operations**

The CAISO may intervene in the operation of the CAISO Markets and set the Administrative Price, if the CAISO determines that such intervention is necessary in order to prevent, contain or correct a System Emergency as follows.

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- (1) The CAISO will not intervene in the operation of the Day-Ahead Market unless there has been a total or major collapse of the CAISO Controlled Grid and the CAISO is in the process of restoring it. The CAISO shall, where reasonably practicable, utilize Ancillary Services which it has the contractual right to instruct and which are capable of contributing to containing or correcting the actual, imminent or threatened System Emergency prior to issuing instructions to a Participating Generator under Section 7.7.2.3. In the event that the CAISO has exhausted all Economic Bids in the IFM, the CAISO shall use the scheduling priorities listed in Section 31.4 to clear the IFM.
- (2) Before any such intervention the CAISO must (in the following order):
  - (a) dispatch all Supply Bids offered or available to it regardless of price (including all Energy Bids and Ancillary Services Bids);
  - (b) dispatch all interruptible Loads made available by UDCs to the CAISO in accordance with the relevant agreements with UDCs;
  - (c) dispatch or curtail all price-responsive Demand that has been bid into the Day-Ahead Market and exercise its rights under all Load curtailment contracts available to it;
  - (d) exercise Load Shedding to curtail Demand on an involuntary basis to the extent that the CAISO considers necessary.
- (3) The Administrative Price in relation to each of the markets for Imbalance Energy and Ancillary Services shall be set at the applicable price in the Settlement Period immediately preceding the Settlement Period in which the intervention took place.
- (4) The intervention will cease as soon as the CAISO has restored all Demand that was curtailed on an involuntary basis.

**7.7.5 Emergency Guidelines**

The CAISO shall issue guidelines for all Market Participants to follow during a System Emergency. These guidelines shall be consistent with the specific obligations of Scheduling

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Coordinators and Market Participants referenced in Sections 7.7.10, 7.7.11, 7.7.2, 7.7.2.3 and 7.7.4(1). All Market Participants shall respond to CAISO Dispatch Instructions with an immediate response during System Emergencies.

**7.7.5.1** The CAISO shall in accordance with this Section 7.7.5 implement the Electrical Emergency Plan in consultation with the UDCs, the MSS Operators, or other entities, at the CAISO's discretion, when Energy reserve margins are forecast to be at the levels specified in the plan.

**7.7.5.2** Each UDC and MSS Operator will notify its End-Use Customers connected to the UDC's or the MSS's Distribution System of any voluntary curtailments notified to the UDC or to the MSS Operator by the CAISO pursuant to the provisions of the EEP.

**7.7.6 Periodic Tests Of Emergency Procedures**

The CAISO shall develop and administer periodic unannounced tests of System Emergency procedures. Such tests shall be designed to ensure that the CAISO Market Participants are capable of promptly and efficiently responding to imminent or actual System Emergencies.

**7.7.7 Prioritization Schedule For Shedding And Restoring Load**

On an annual basis, the CAISO shall, in consultation with Market Participants and subject to the provisions of Section 3, develop a prioritization schedule for Load Shedding should a System Emergency require such action. The prioritization schedule shall also establish a sequence for the restoration of Load in the event that multiple Scheduling Coordinators or Market Participants are affected by service interruptions and Load must be restored in blocks. For Load shed in accordance with Section 7.7.11.4.2, the prioritization schedule will only include those UDCs or MSS Operators that have Scheduling Coordinators that have failed to submit Bids with sufficient resources to meet the Load in the UDC or MSS Service Area. For Load shed in accordance with Section 7.7.11.4.3, the prioritization schedule will include all UDCs and MSS Operators.

**7.7.8 Under Frequency Load Shedding (UFLS)**

**7.7.8.1** Each UDC's UDCOA with the CAISO and each MSS Agreement through which the MSS Operator undertakes to the CAISO to comply with the provisions of the CAISO Tariff shall describe the UFLS program for that UDC or for that MSS.

**7.7.9 [NOT USED]**

**7.7.10 Further Obligations Relating To System Emergencies**

The CAISO and Participating TOs shall comply with their obligations in Section 9 of the TCA.

**7.7.11 Use Of Load Curtailment Programs**

**7.7.11.1 Use of UDC's Existing Load Curtailment Programs**

As an additional resource for managing System Emergencies, the CAISO will, subject to Section 3, notify the UDCs when the conditions to implement their Load curtailment programs have been met in accordance with their terms. The UDCs will exercise their best efforts, including seeking any necessary regulatory approvals, to enable the CAISO to rely on their curtailment rights at specified levels of Operating Reserve. Each UDC shall by not later than October 1 of each year advise the CAISO of the capabilities of its Load curtailment programs for the forthcoming year, and the conditions under which those capabilities may be exercised, and shall give the CAISO as much notice as reasonably practicable of any change to such programs.

**7.7.11.2 Load Curtailment**

A Scheduling Coordinator may specify that Loads will be reduced at specified prices or, pursuant to a Participating Load Agreement, offer the right to exercise Load curtailment to the CAISO as an Ancillary Service or utilize Load curtailment itself (by way of self-provision of Ancillary Services) as Non-Spinning Reserve. The CAISO, at its discretion, may require direct control over such Curtailable Demand to assume response capability for managing System Emergencies. However, non-firm Loads shall not be eligible to provide Curtailable Demand if they are receiving incentives for interruption under existing programs approved by a Local Regulatory Authority, unless: a) participation in the CAISO's Ancillary Services markets is specifically authorized by such Local Regulatory Authority, and b) there exist no contingencies on the availability, nor any unmitigated incentives encouraging prior curtailment, of such interruptible Load for Dispatch as Curtailable Demand as a result of the operation of such existing program. The CAISO may establish standards for automatic communication of curtailment instructions to implement Load curtailment as a condition for accepting any offered Load curtailment as an Ancillary Service.

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**7.7.11.3** The CAISO shall have the authority to direct a UDC or an MSS Operator to disconnect Load from the CAISO Controlled Grid if necessary to avoid an anticipated System Emergency or to regain Operational Control over the CAISO Controlled Grid during an actual System Emergency. The CAISO shall direct the UDC or the MSS Operator to shed Load in accordance with the prioritization schedule developed pursuant to Section 7.7.7. When CAISO Controlled Grid conditions permit restoration of Load, the CAISO shall restore Load according to the prioritization schedule developed pursuant to Section 7.7.7. The MSS Operator shall restore Load internal to the MSS.

**7.7.11.4 Load Shedding**

**7.7.11.4.1 [NOT USED]**

**7.7.11.4.2** If the CAISO forecasts in advance of the RTM that Load curtailment will be necessary due to a resource deficiency as determined pursuant to Section 40.7, the CAISO will identify any UDC or MSS Service Area that is resource deficient. The CAISO will provide notice to all Scheduling Coordinators if one or more UDC or MSS is deficient. If Load curtailment is required to manage a System Emergency associated with a resource deficiency determined pursuant to Section 40.7, the CAISO will determine the amount and location of Load to be curtailed and will allocate a portion of that required Load curtailment to each UDC or MSS Operator whose Service Area has been identified as being resource-deficient based on the ratio of its resource deficiency to the total Balancing Authority Area resource deficiency. Each UDC or MSS Operator shall be responsible for notifying its customers and Generators connected to its system of curtailments and service interruptions.

**7.7.11.4.3** If a Load curtailment is required to manage System Emergencies, in any circumstances other than those described in Section 7.7.11.4.2, the CAISO will determine the amount and location of Load to be reduced and to the extent practicable, will allocate a portion to each UDC or MSS Operator based on the ratio of its Demand (at the time of the Balancing Authority Area annual peak for the previous year) to total Balancing Authority Area annual peak Demand for the previous year taking into account system considerations and the UDC's or MSS Operator's curtailment rights under their tariffs. Each UDC or MSS Operator shall be responsible



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for notifying its customers and Generators connected to its system of curtailments and service interruption.

**7.7.12 Curtailment Under Emergency And Non-Emergency Conditions**

**7.7.12.1 Emergency Conditions**

To the extent practicable, the CAISO shall allocate necessary curtailments of Existing Rights or non-Converted Rights under emergency conditions in accordance with the instructions submitted by the Responsible PTO pursuant to Section 16. If circumstances prevent the CAISO's compliance with such instructions, the CAISO shall allocate such curtailments in a non-discriminatory manner consistent with Good Utility Practice.

**7.7.12.2 Non-Emergency Conditions**

Unless otherwise specified by the Responsible PTO in the instructions that it submits to the CAISO under Section 16, the CAISO will allocate any necessary curtailments under non-emergency conditions, pro rata, among holders of Existing Rights, at particular Scheduling Points and/or on particular contract paths, in the order of: (1) non-firm, (2) each priority of conditional firm, and (3) each priority of firm rights. Priorities for firm and conditional firm transmission service are indicated using the TRTC Instructions as described in Section 16.

**7.7.13 System Emergency Reports And Sanctions**

**7.7.13.1 Review of Major Outages**

The CAISO with the cooperation of any affected UDC shall jointly perform a review following a major Outage that affects at least ten (10) percent of the Load served by the Distribution System of a UDC or any Outage that results in major damage to the CAISO Controlled Grid or to the health and safety of personnel. The review shall address the cause of the Outage, the response time and effectiveness of emergency management efforts, and whether the operation, maintenance or scheduling practices of the CAISO, any Participating TOs, Eligible Customers, UDCs or Participating Generators enhanced or undermined the ability of the CAISO to maintain or restore service efficiently and in a timely manner.

**7.7.13.2 Provide Information to Review Outages**

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Participating TOs, Participating Generators, Eligible Customers, Scheduling Coordinators and UDCs shall promptly provide information requested by the CAISO to review Outages pursuant to Section 7.7.13.1 and to prepare Outage reports. The CAISO shall seek the views of any affected Participating TOs, Participating Generators, Eligible Customers, Scheduling Coordinator or UDCs and allow such affected Participating TOs, Participating Generators, Eligible Customers, Scheduling Coordinators or UDCs to comment on any issues arising during the preparation of a report. All findings and reports arising from the CAISO's review shall be shared with Participating TOs, Participating Generators, Eligible Customers and UDCs.

**7.7.13.3 [NOT USED]**

**7.7.14 CAISO Facilities And Equipment**

**7.7.14.1 CAISO Facility and Equipment Outages**

The CAISO has installed redundant control centers, communication systems and computer systems. Most, but not necessarily all, equipment problems or failures should be transparent to Market Participants. This Section 7.7.14.1 addresses some situations when Market Participants could be affected, but it is impossible to identify and plan for every type of equipment problem or failure. Real-Time situations will be handled by the Real-Time CAISO dispatchers. The CAISO control room in Folsom is the Primary CAISO Control Center and the CAISO control room in Alhambra is the Backup CAISO Control Center.

**7.7.14.2 CAISO's Secure Communication System Unavailable**

**7.7.14.2.1 Unavailable Critical Functions of CAISO's Secure Communication System**

During a total disruption of the CAISO's secure communication system several critical functions of the CAISO will not be available including:

- (a) the CAISO's scheduling infrastructure computer systems will not be able to communicate with Scheduling Coordinators to receive any type of updated Bid or Schedule information;
- (b) the CAISO's scheduling infrastructure computer systems will not be able to communicate Congestion Management information and Schedule changes to the Scheduling Coordinators; and

- (c) the CAISO will not be able to communicate general information, including emergency information, to any Market Participants.

**7.7.14.2.2 Communications during Unavailability of CAISO's Secure Communication System**

During any period of CAISO's secure communication system unavailability, the CAISO shall:

- (a) make all reasonable efforts to keep Market Participants aware of current CAISO Controlled Grid status using voice communications;
- (b) use the most recent set of Day-Ahead Schedules, RUC Schedules, AS Awards, FMM Schedules, and Dispatch Instructions for each Scheduling Coordinator for the current and all future Settlement Periods and/or Trading Days until the CAISO's secure communication system is restored; and
- (c) attempt to take critical Bids, including ETC and TOR Self-Schedules changes, from Scheduling Coordinators via voice communications as time and personnel availability allows.

**7.7.14.2.3 Primary CAISO Control Center – Loss of all Voice Communications**

In the event of loss of all voice communication at the Primary CAISO Control Center, the Primary CAISO Control Center will use alternate communications to notify the Backup CAISO Control Center of the loss of voice communications. The Backup CAISO Control Center will post information on the situation on the CAISO's secure communication system. Additional voice notifications will be made as time permits. Once voice communications have been restored to the Primary CAISO Control Center, the CAISO will post this information on the CAISO's secure communication system.

**7.7.14.2.4 Primary CAISO Control Center – Control Center Completely Unavailable**

In the event that the Primary CAISO Control Center becomes completely unavailable, the Primary CAISO Control Center will use alternate communications to notify the Backup CAISO Control Center that the Primary CAISO Control Center is unavailable. The Backup CAISO Control Center

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will post information on the situation on the CAISO's secure communication system. Additional voice notifications will be made as time permits.

The Backup CAISO Control Center will post confirmation on the CAISO's secure communication system that all computer systems are functioning normally (if such is the case) and take complete control of the CAISO Controlled Grid. The Backup CAISO Control Center will notify the single point of contact at the transmission operations center of Pacific Gas and Electric Company by direct voice communication of the situation.

Once the Primary CAISO Control Center is again available, all functions will be transferred back, and the Primary CAISO Control Center will notify all Market Participants via the CAISO's secure communication system.

**7.7.14.2.5 Primary CAISO Control Center - CAISO Energy Management System (EMS) Unavailable**

Should an outage occur to the redundant EMS computer systems in the Primary CAISO Control Center, an auto transfer should occur to transfer EMS operation to the redundant EMS back up computers at the Backup CAISO Control Center. Due to the severity of a total CAISO EMS computer outage, the Primary CAISO Control Center will post information on the CAISO's secure communication system that the Primary CAISO Control Center EMS computer is unavailable and that EMS control has been transferred to the Backup CAISO Control Center.

When the Primary CAISO Control Center EMS computer is restored, the Backup CAISO Control Center will initiate a transfer back of the EMS system to the Primary CAISO Control Center. The Primary CAISO Control Center will post information on the restored EMS computer system status on the CAISO's secure communication system.

**7.7.14.2.6 Backup CAISO Control Center – Loss of all Voice Communications**

In the event of a loss of all voice communications at the Backup CAISO Control Center, the Backup CAISO Control Center will use alternate communications to notify the Primary CAISO Control Center of the loss of voice communications. The Primary CAISO Control Center will post information on the situation via the CAISO's secure communication system. Additional voice notifications will be made as time permits. Once voice communications have been restored to the

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Backup CAISO Control Center, the Primary CAISO Control Center will post this information on the CAISO's secure communication system.

**7.7.14.2.7 Backup CAISO Control Center – Control Center Completely Unavailable**

In the event that the Backup CAISO Control Center becomes completely unavailable, the Backup CAISO Control Center will use alternate communications to notify the Primary CAISO Control Center that the Backup CAISO Control Center is unavailable. The Primary CAISO Control Center will post information on the situation on the CAISO's secure communication system. Additional voice notifications will be made as time permits.

The Primary CAISO Control Center will post confirmation on the CAISO's secure communication system that all computer systems are functioning normally (if such is the case) and take complete control of the CAISO Controlled Grid. The Primary CAISO Control Center will notify the grid control center of Southern California Edison Company by direct voice communications of the situation.

Once the Backup CAISO Control Center is again available, all functions will be transferred back, and the Backup CAISO Control Center will notify all Market Participants via the CAISO's secure communication system.

**7.7.15 System Operations In The Event Of A Market Disruption**

**7.7.15.1 Actions in the Event of a Market Disruption, to Prevent a Market Disruption or to minimize the Extent of a Market Disruption**

The CAISO may take one or more of the following actions in the event of a Market Disruption, to prevent a Market Disruption, or to minimize the extent of a Market Disruption:

- (a) postpone the closure of the applicable CAISO Market;
- (b) remove Bids, including Self-Schedules, that have resulted in a Market Disruption previously;
- (c) close the applicable CAISO Market and manually copy Bids, including Self-Schedules, from the previous day or other applicable market period;
- (d) close the applicable CAISO Market and use submitted Bids, including Self-Schedules, to the extent possible;

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- (e) cancel the applicable CAISO Market, in which case import/export schedules shall be determined by submittal of E-Tags;
- (f) utilize Administrative Prices to settle metered Supply and Demand;
- (g) utilize Exceptional Dispatch and issue operating orders for resources to be committed and dispatched to meet Demand; and
- (h) suspend or limit the ability of all Scheduling Coordinators to submit Virtual Bids on behalf of Convergence Bidding Entities at specific Eligible PNodes or Eligible Aggregated PNodes, or at all Eligible PNodes or Eligible Aggregated PNodes.

**7.7.15.2 Removal of Bids, in the Event of a Market Disruption, to Prevent a Market Disruption, or to minimize the Extent of a Market Disruption**

**7.7.15.2.1 Objective Measures**

In the event of a Market Disruption, to prevent a Market Disruption, or to minimize the extent of a Market Disruption, as provided in Section 7.7.15.1 (b), the CAISO may remove Bids, which as defined include Self-Schedules, from the relevant CAISO Market. The types of Bids that the CAISO may remove include those that have previously caused a Market Disruption. These are Bids that are not feasible based on the misalignment of resource-specific conditions and physical constraints represented in the Master File, current outage information, and the Bid itself. For example, these include: (1) Bids that pass through the automated Bid validation rules but are invalid for other reasons not detectable by the automated Bid validation, including derates reflected in the CAISO's outage management system pursuant to Section 9; (2) Bids that are identified prior to the end of the CAISO Market run as causing a feasibility issue that prevents the CAISO Market run from clearing in the time allotted for the run, including Ramping rates in the CAISO's outage management system pursuant to Section 9 that result in infeasible generation Bids; and (3) multiple Bids that do not pose a problem for processing through the CAISO Market when considered individually, but may when submitted in combination with other Bids become infeasible and present an impediment to the successful completion of the CAISO Market.

**7.7.15.2.2 Consequences of Removal of a Bid**

The CAISO may remove part of a Bid, but retain other parts of the Bid for the applicable CAISO Market run and interval for the same or different product, and may retain parts of the Bid for subsequent CAISO Market runs or intervals. If a particular Energy or Ancillary Service Bid must be removed pursuant to Section 7.7.15.2.1, the CAISO will remove the entire Bid for that particular service and market. The Scheduling Coordinator may resubmit removed Bids in subsequent CAISO Markets, provided the Scheduling Coordinator complies with any operator instructions regarding the subject Bids. In the event a Bid is removed from an IFM run, the RUC Availability Bid associated with the removed IFM Bid may still be accepted for the corresponding RUC run, unless the RUC Availability Bid is determined to be the cause of the disruption. A problematic Bid as described in Section 7.7.15.2.1 will typically be identified as infeasible prior to publication of the CAISO Market interval in which it is causing a problem, in which case to the extent practicable the CAISO may remove the Bid, execute the CAISO Market without the removed Bid, and publish a CAISO Market result for that interval. In some instances, a Bid may be able to clear through the IFM without causing an infeasibility issue, but then it may be necessary to remove the RUC Availability Bid associated with the IFM Bid for the corresponding RUC run due to infeasibility issues raised for the RUC run. In the Real-Time Market, for reasons discussed above, the CAISO may also be required to remove a Bid for a Non-Dynamic System Resource that normally would be accepted in the HASP, yet may be able to utilize and accept the Bid for the RTD and non-HASP RTUC runs of the Real-Time Market included within the same Scheduling Coordinator Bid submission.

If, for the reasons discussed above, the CAISO is required to remove a Bid in the advisory RTUC or RTD runs conducted for future intervals during the Real-Time Market, the removed Bid may still be used in the binding runs of the Real-Time Market for the same interval if the problems previously experienced with the Bid do not arise. If an Ancillary Service Bid or Submission to Self-Provide Ancillary Services is removed from the IFM, the Scheduling Coordinator may resubmit these components in the RTM provided the issues identified in the IFM have been resolved and the Bid or submission is otherwise consistent with the Ancillary Service bidding

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rules in the CAISO Tariff. If the CAISO is required to remove an Ancillary Services Bid submitted to the Real-Time Market, the CAISO may retain the Energy Bid submitted in association with the Ancillary Services Bid for that CAISO Market run.

**7.7.15.2.3 Settlement Consequences of Removal of Bids**

In the event that a Bid is removed from the Day-Ahead Market, the Scheduling Coordinator whose Bid is removed will not be subject to Settlement for the Day-Ahead Market for the affected service. The Scheduling Coordinator may then resubmit the Bid in the Real-Time Market for the same service and, to the extent the Bid is feasible and the issues identified have been resolved, it may be accepted in the Real-Time Market consistent with the CAISO Tariff requirements that apply to the Real-Time Market. In the case of Ancillary Services Bids, including Submissions to Self-Provide an Ancillary Service, that are removed from the Day-Ahead Market, the Scheduling Coordinator will not receive Settlement for the Ancillary Services in the Day-Ahead Market and will not receive an opportunity cost payment in the Day-Ahead Market for the offered service. If the Bid is accepted in the Real-Time Market, the Scheduling Coordinator will be subject to Settlement based on the CAISO Market in which the Bid actually clears. In the event that a Bid is removed from a CAISO Market run or interval, the CAISO may subsequently be required to issue an Exceptional Dispatch for the resource, in which case the Scheduling Coordinator will receive Exceptional Dispatch Settlement as provided in Section 11.5.6. In the event that a Demand Bid is removed from the Day-Ahead Market, because no Demand Bids for load can be submitted in the Real-Time Market, Scheduling Coordinators for the load not cleared in the Day-Ahead Market will be settled as Uninstructed Imbalance Energy as provided in Section 11.5.2.

**7.7.15.2.4 Reporting to Affected Scheduling Coordinators**

To the extent practicable, the CAISO will contact a Scheduling Coordinator's representative before removing a Bid and advise the representative of the issues encountered with the Bid. In the event that a Bid is removed, the Scheduling Coordinator's Bid will not be cleared through the specific CAISO Market from which it was removed. The CAISO will notify the Scheduling Coordinator as soon as practicable, but no later than three (3) Business Days, after the applicable



Bid was removed and will provide information specifying when its Bid was removed and the nature of the disruption.

**7.7.15.3 Choices of Action to Prevent a Market Disruption, in the Event of a Market Disruption, or to minimize the Extent of a Market Disruption**

The CAISO's choice of action in the event of a Market Disruption shall depend on the CAISO Market that is disrupted, the cause of the Market Disruption, the expected time to resolve the Market Disruption, and the status of submitted Bids and Self-Schedules at the time the Market Disruption occurs. Nothing in this Section 7.7.15 shall prevent the CAISO from taking any other action permitted under the CAISO Tariff.

**7.7.15.4 Reporting Requirements under Section 7.7.15**

The CAISO shall include reports on actions taken pursuant to Section 7.7.15 in the Exceptional Dispatch report provided in Section 34.9.4 of the CAISO Tariff. The report shall detail the frequency and types of actions taken by the CAISO pursuant to this Section 7.7.15, as well as the nature of the specific Market Disruptions that caused the CAISO to take action and the CAISO rationale for taking such actions, or the Market Disruption that was successfully prevented or minimized by the CAISO as a result of taking action pursuant to its authority under Section 7.7.15. This informational filing shall also contain general information on the Bids removed pursuant to Section 7.7.15, which may include the megawatt quantity, point of interconnection, specification of the Day-Ahead versus Real-Time Bid, and Energy or Ancillary Services Bid, and the CAISO's rationale for removal; provided, however, that any Scheduling Coordinator-specific individual Bid information will be submitted on a confidential basis consistent with FERC's rules and regulations governing requests for confidential treatment of commercially sensitive information.

**7.8 Management Of Overgeneration Conditions**

The CAISO's management of Overgeneration relates only to Real-Time. In the event that Overgeneration conditions occur during Real-Time, the CAISO will direct the Scheduling Coordinators to take the steps described in this Section 7.8 and Scheduling Coordinators shall implement CAISO directions without delay. Overgeneration in Real-Time will be mitigated by the

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CAISO as follows; provided that the CAISO Operator will have the discretion, if necessary to avoid a System Emergency, to eliminate one or more of the following steps.

**7.8.1 Dispatch Instructions To Reduce Generation And Imports**

Commencing one hour prior to the start of the Settlement Period, the CAISO will, based on available Bids issue Dispatch Instructions to Scheduling Coordinators to reduce Generation and imports for the next Operating Hour

**7.8.2 Notification Of Projected Overgeneration To Be Mitigated**

To the extent that there are insufficient Bids available for the Operating Hour to fully mitigate the Overgeneration condition, the CAISO will notify Scheduling Coordinators of the projected amount of Overgeneration to be mitigated in that hour

**7.8.3 Energy Offered For Sale To Adjacent Balancing Authorities**

In addition to the action taken under 7.8.2, the CAISO will, if it considers it necessary to maintain the reliable operation of the CAISO Balancing Authority Area, offer Energy for sale on behalf of Scheduling Coordinators to adjacent Balancing Authorities at the estimated LMP or, if the CAISO considers it necessary, at a price established by the CAISO on behalf of Scheduling Coordinators, to be paid to adjacent Balancing Authorities

**7.8.4 Instruction To SCs To Reduce Generation Or Imports**

To the extent that the steps described in Sections 7.8.1 through 7.8.3 fail to mitigate Overgeneration, the CAISO will instruct Scheduling Coordinators to reduce either Generation, or imports, or both. The amount of the reduction for each Scheduling Coordinator will be calculated pro rata based on the product of the total required reduction in Generation and imports (or increase in exports) and the ratio of its Demand to the total Demand in the CAISO Balancing Authority Area.

**7.8.5 Mandatory Dispatch Instructions For Specific Reductions**

To the extent that the above steps fail to fully mitigate the Overgeneration, the CAISO will issue mandatory Dispatch Instructions for specific reductions in Generating Unit output and external imports and all relevant Scheduling Coordinators shall be obligated to comply with such Dispatch Instructions

**7.8.6 CAISO Costs To Be Reimbursed Proportionately By SCs**

Any costs incurred by the CAISO in implementing Section 7.8.3 shall be reimbursed to the CAISO by Scheduling Coordinators based upon the extent to which they supplied Energy, in metered amounts, greater than the Generation and imports dispatched by the CAISO as provided in the Day-Ahead Schedule or in response to Dispatch Instructions and consumed Energy, in metered amounts, less than the Demand scheduled, as a proportion of the total amount of such excess or shortfall among all Scheduling Coordinators.

**7.9 Suspension or Limitation of Virtual Bidding**

**7.9.1 Suspension or Limitation Generally**

The CAISO may suspend or limit the ability of one or more Scheduling Coordinators to submit Virtual Bids on behalf of one or more Convergence Bidding Entities for any of the reasons set forth in Section 7.9.2. The CAISO has the authority to suspend or to limit the ability of one or more Scheduling Coordinators to submit Virtual Bids on behalf of one or more Convergence Bidding Entities regardless of whether the CAISO has evidence that the virtual bidding activities that led to the suspension or limitation were the result of actions purposely or knowingly taken by Scheduling Coordinators or Convergence Bidding Entities to cause the outcomes set forth in Section 7.9.2. The CAISO may exercise its suspension or limitation authority pursuant to this Section 7.9 at specific Eligible PNodes or Eligible Aggregated PNodes, or at all Eligible PNodes or Eligible Aggregated PNodes. The CAISO may suspend or limit Virtual Bids that have already been submitted, Virtual Bids that will be submitted in the future, or both. The CAISO's authority to suspend or limit the ability of all Scheduling Coordinators to submit Virtual Bids at specific Eligible PNodes or Eligible Aggregated PNodes, or at all Eligible PNodes or Eligible Aggregated PNodes will be governed by the Market Disruption provisions of Section 7.7.15 of the CAISO Tariff and not this Section 7.9.

**7.9.2 Reasons for Suspension or Limitation**

The CAISO may suspend or limit the ability of one or more Scheduling Coordinators to submit Virtual Bids if the CAISO determines that virtual bidding activities of one or more Scheduling Coordinators on behalf of one or more Convergence Bidding Entities detrimentally affect System

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Reliability or grid operations. Virtual bidding activities can detrimentally affect System Reliability or grid operations if such activities contribute to threatened or imminent reliability conditions, including but not limited to the following circumstances:

- (a) Submitted Virtual Bids create a substantial risk that the CAISO will be unable to obtain sufficient Energy and Ancillary Services to meet Real-Time Demand and Ancillary Service requirements in the CAISO Balancing Authority Area.
- (b) Submitted Virtual Bids render the CAISO Day-Ahead Market software unable to process Bids submitted into the Day-Ahead Market.
- (c) Submitted Virtual Bids render the CAISO unable to achieve an alternating current (AC) solution in the Day-Ahead Market for an extended period of time.
- (d) Submitted Virtual Bids detrimentally affect CAISO market efficiency related to a reservation of internal transfer capability pursuant to Section 27.5.6(f) or enforcement of a natural gas constraint pursuant to Section 27.11.

**7.9.3 Procedures Regarding Suspension or Limitation**

- (a) Whenever practicable, prior to suspending or limiting virtual bidding, the CAISO will notify affected Scheduling Coordinators and affected Convergence Bidding Entities that the CAISO intends to suspend or limit virtual bidding and will confer and exchange information with the affected Scheduling Coordinators and affected Convergence Bidding Entities in an effort to resolve any dispute as to whether suspension or limitation of virtual bidding is warranted. In cases where taking such actions prior to suspending or limiting virtual bidding is not practicable, the CAISO will promptly notify the affected Scheduling Coordinators and affected Convergence Bidding Entities that the CAISO has suspended or limited virtual bidding, and will promptly confer and exchange information with

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the affected Scheduling Coordinators and affected Convergence Bidding Entities in an effort to resolve any dispute as to whether suspension or limitation of virtual bidding is warranted. Within two (2) Business Days of the notice of suspension or limitation, the CAISO will provide the affected Scheduling Coordinators and affected Convergence Bidding Entities with information justifying the decision to suspend or limit virtual bidding.

- (b) Suspension or limitation of virtual bidding by the CAISO will remain in effect for ninety (90) days or any shorter time period determined by the CAISO. The CAISO will have the authority to discontinue the suspension or limitation of virtual bidding at any time it determines such suspension or limitation is no longer appropriate.