

# Decision on Authorization for Filing FERC Order No. 890 Transmission Planning Process



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- **CAISO Management is seeking Board approval to amend provisions of the MRTU Tariff related to the Transmission Planning Process**
  - Satisfy Order No. 890 compliance requirements
  - Conform MRTU Tariff to the CAISO's existing and preferred Transmission Planning Process procedures
- **Background on why approval is requested**
  - Order No. 890 requires all Transmission Providers, including ISOs, to amend their Open Access Transmission Tariffs to satisfy broad planning principles
  - Existing CAISO Tariff largely consistent with Order No. 890 principles
    - CAISO's new planning process development was already addressing additional Order No. 890 requirements
  - CAISO Management has leveraged our existing planning process achievements to refine our Order No. 890 compliance obligations

# Key issues relating to the transmission planning process are . . .

- 🌐 **Open Season (Now called “Request Window”)**
- 🌐 **Planning Process**
  - Development of Unified Planning Assumptions and Study Plan
  - Performing Technical Studies
  - Developing CAISO Transmission Plan
- 🌐 **Economic planning studies**
- 🌐 **Creation of a Grid Planning Standards Committee**
- 🌐 **Refinements to regional coordination provisions**

## Key issues relating to administrative and project approval matters are . . .

- **Explicit delegation of authority to management to approve transmission projects with an estimated capital cost up to \$50 million**
- **Refinements to provisions identifying entities with obligations to construct approved transmission projects**
- **Refinements to standards for determining when transmission projects will be approved as “needed”**
- **Operational control of facilities**
- **Alternate Dispute Resolution**

## Stakeholder outreach activities . . .

- 🌐 May 11 & 29: Strawman Proposal
- 🌐 July 20: Economic planning study white paper
- 🌐 July 20: Open season white paper
- 🌐 July 20: Long-term CRR white paper
- 🌐 September 14: Draft Business Practice Manual
- 🌐 October 12: 2<sup>nd</sup> draft Business Practice Manual
- 🌐 October 18: Draft tariff language
- 🌐 November 12: 3<sup>rd</sup> draft Business Practice Manual
- 🌐 November 12: 2<sup>nd</sup> draft tariff language

# Stakeholder outreach activities . . .

- 🌐 Stakeholder comment opportunities
  - Round 1: May 24, 2007 – 8 sets of comments
  - Round 2: October 10, 2007 – 8 sets of comments
  - Round 3: September 14, 2007 – 8 sets of comments
  - Round 4: December 3, 2007 – 5 sets of comments
  
- 🌐 FERC compliance filing on December 21, 2007