

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

Western Area Power Administration)

Docket No. EL03-178-000

**ANSWER OF THE CALIFORNIA INDEPENDENT SYSTEM OPERATOR
CORPORATION TO MOTION TO DISMISS SHOW CAUSE PROCEEDING**

On August 29, 2003, Commission Trial Staff (“Staff”) filed a Motion To Dismiss Show Cause Proceeding (“Motion”), in resolution of all issues related to the Western Area Power Administration (“WAPA”) set for hearing in *American Electric Power Service Corp., et al.*, 103 FERC ¶ 61,345 (2003) (“the Gaming Show Cause Order” or “Order”). Pursuant to Rule 213 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 C.F.R. § 385.213, and to the Commission’s “Notice of Extension of Time” in this docket, dated September 8, 2003, the California Independent System Operator Corporation (“CAISO”) timely submits this answer to the Motion.

I. Background

The Gaming Show Cause Order required WAPA to show cause why it should not be found to have engaged in Paper Trading, as that practice is described in the Order. In the Motion, Staff requested that WAPA be dismissed from the Show Cause proceeding established by the Order, that this docket be terminated, and that WAPA be relieved from further obligation with respect to this docket.

II. Discussion

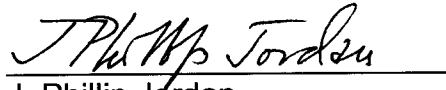
The CAISO does not object to relieving WAPA of any obligation to respond further concerning the practice of Paper Trading. As noted in the Motion, the dismissal relates only to matters raised in this docket, see Motion at ¶ 4.3; it does not affect any other proceeding, any pending rehearing or clarification requests with respect to the Order, or the possibility of subsequent proceedings against WAPA based on the outcome of those requests, or on different time periods, different practices, or different transactions.

The CAISO respectfully suggests that, on balance, and contrary to the request in the Motion, see Motion at ¶ 4.1, it is preferable not to close the docket or to relieve WAPA of all further obligations. Rather, the docket should remain open until all of the Show Cause proceedings have been concluded, and WAPA should remain subject to discovery as a party if it has information relevant to potential gaming by others. There would be no prejudice to WAPA, and it would serve the interests of efficiency, especially in light of the short discovery periods in these proceedings, to avoid the cumbersome process of obtaining discovery from a non-party.

III. Conclusion

The CAISO does not object to relieving WAPA of further obligation to respond to the Gaming Show Cause Order. However, the docket should remain open and WAPA should be subject to discovery as a party.

Respectfully submitted,

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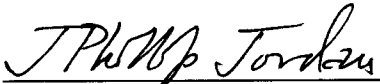
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

In accordance with the order issued by the Presiding Administrative Law Judge I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document by posting an electronic copy on the Listserv for this proceeding, as maintained by the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, on this 26th day of September, 2003.



J. Phillip Jordan