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Thank you for the briefing on system operations during the Board's public meeting on August 17.

As you are aware, there has been considerable comment and speculation about CAISO's actions over the last week. For example, a New York Times article (also carried in the San Francisco Chronicle with the headline, "Rolling Blackouts in California Have Power Experts Stumped") contained quotes stating that the Stage 2 and 3 emergency declarations were made with reserves at levels well above those indicated in the ISO's resource assessment.

To be sure, all aspects of the current heat storm period will be reviewed in the forthcoming event analysis at the ISO and elsewhere. But in addition, would CAISO be willing to issue a short statement clarifying how reserves management is done under the WECC and NERC mandatory reliability standards, and the relationship between that and the posted Available Capacity figures on the Today's Outlook web page. That might help avoid confusion about required actions during future system stress conditions.

regards,

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