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EC96-19-015, EC96-19-018,
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ER96-1663-055, and ER98-3760-004

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Dear Mr. Jaffe:

On December 1, 1999, you filed, on behalf of the California Independent System Operator Corporation (California ISO), a partial settlement agreement that includes revisions to the California ISO open access transmission tariff (OATT) in conformance with the settlement. Comments regarding the settlement were submitted by the California Public Utilities Commission on December 20, 1999; Transmission Agency of Northern California, California Department of Water Resources, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, the Cities of Redding Santa Clara, and Palo Alto, California, M-S-R Public Power Agency, Modesto Irrigation District, Sacramento Municipal Utility District, and trial staff on December 21, 1999; Pacific Gas and Electric Company on December 22, 1999; and Energy Producers and Users Coalition and Cogeneration Association of California on December 29, 1999. No other comments were filed and, insofar as no party opposes the settlement, we hereby determine it to be uncontested.

On January 4, 1999, you submitted two compliance filings consisting of a joint statement of issues and an updated report of unresolved issues addressing the intervenors' comments. In particular, you indicate that the California ISO does not object to making a clarification proposed by Metropolitan. Accordingly, we hereby direct the California ISO to revise section 2.2.4.6 of the OATT so that it cross-references written notices of default as provided for in section 2.2.4.5(a).

The subject settlement and compliance filings are all in the public interest and are hereby approved. Furthermore, the subject settlement is hereby made effective as of the date of the Commission's issuance of this order and is subject to the outcome of this proceeding. Consistent with our prior orders, we hereby direct the California ISO to promptly post the revised OATT on the Western Energy Network. The Commission's approval of the settlement does not constitute approval of, or precedent regarding, any principle or issue in this proceeding. The Commission retains the right to investigate the rates, terms, and conditions under the just and reasonable and not unduly discriminatory or preferential standard of section 206 of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. §824e.

This letter terminates Docket Nos. EC96-19-014, EC96-19-015, EC96-19-018, EC96-19-052, ER96-1663-015, ER96-1663-016, ER96-1663-019, ER96-1663-055, and ER98-3760-004.

By direction of the Commission.

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