

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Application of PACIFIC GAS AND
ELECTRIC COMPANY (U 39 E) for a
Certificate of Public Convenience and
Necessity Authorizing the Construction of the
Northern San Joaquin 230 kV Transmission
Project.

Application No. 23-09-001
(Filed September 1, 2023)

**MOTION FOR PARTY STATUS OF THE CALIFORNIA INDEPENDENT
SYSTEM OPERATOR CORPORATION**

Pursuant to Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure 1.4(a)(4) and 11.1, the California Independent System Operator Corporation (CAISO) hereby moves for leave to become a party to this proceeding.

The CAISO is a California not for profit public benefit corporation charged with reliably planning and operating the high voltage transmission system for its participating transmission owners, including Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E). The CAISO is an active participant in many Commission proceedings, including applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) required to construct CAISO-approved transmission projects.

In this proceeding, PG&E filed an application for a CPCN to authorize construction of the Northern San Joaquin 230 kV Transmission Project, a new double-circuit 230 kV transmission line from Lockeford Substation to a new Thurman Switching Station in Lodi and looping the existing Brighton-Bellota 230 kV line through Lockeford Substation. The CAISO identified this project in its 2017-2018 Transmission Plan to address reliability concerns, including thermal overloads and voltage issues under North American Electric Reliability

Corporation (NERC) Category P1 and P6 contingencies.¹ The project will enhance system reliability by increasing capacity to serve growing loads in the Northern San Joaquin area, mitigating the risk of widespread outages due to single-source dependency, and ensuring compliance with applicable reliability standards.

The CAISO requests that all correspondence, pleadings, notices, orders, rulings and other communications concerning this proceeding be provided to the following:

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For the reasons stated above, the CAISO asks that the Commission grant its motion for party status.

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¹ The project was originally approved in 2012-2013 transmission plan and was rescoped and reapproved in 2017-2018 transmission plan.