

June 20, 2024

The Honorable Debbie-Anne Reese
Acting Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

**Re: California Independent System Operator Corporation
Docket Nos. ER08-1178-000 and EL08-88-000**

**120-day Exceptional Dispatch Informational Report
February 1, 2024 through May 31, 2024**

Dear Secretary Bose:

The California Independent System Operator Corporation (CAISO) submits the attached informational report to include Exceptional Dispatch data for the period from February 1, 2024 through May 31, 2024.

In its September 2009 Order, the Commission directed the CAISO to file a report every 120 days that describes the status of the CAISO's efforts to reduce the frequency of Exceptional Dispatch and the status of the CAISO's development of operational and product enhancements that would reduce reliance on Exceptional Dispatch.¹ The 120-day informational report is in addition to the Table 1 and Table 2 monthly Exceptional Dispatch reports the CAISO files in the above-referenced dockets.²

¹ *Cal. Indep. Sys. Operator Corp.*, 128 FERC ¶ 61,218, at PP 50-51 (September 2009 Order). The Commission explained that it “does not intend to notice these future status reports or to issue orders on these in the future, as these reports are for informational purposes only.” *Id.* at P 51 n.66.

² *Id.*, and *Cal. Indep. Sys. Operator Corp.*, 131 FERC ¶ 61,100 (2010). The CAISO now files both Table 1 and Table 2 at the same time on the 15th of each month.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions regarding this filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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120-day Exceptional Dispatch Report

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1. Introduction

This informational report by the California ISO (CAISO) provides an update to the Commission and market participants on the exceptional dispatch metrics and the measures the CAISO took to reduce reliance on exceptional dispatch for the period from January 2012 through May 2024. This report covers the 120-day period from February 1, 2024 through May 31, 2024¹.

2. Exceptional Dispatch Data and Reports

As shown in Figure 1 below, the annual average volume of exceptional dispatches for 2024 was slightly lower than 2023 by about 1%. During the summer months, CAISO's system experiences peak conditions when exceptional dispatches are necessary to manage contingencies. However, the annual exceptional dispatch volumes have been decreasing since 2019 and have remained relatively stable at low levels for recent years. The volume of exceptional dispatches since the summer months have decreased as evident from the seasonal patterns every year.

Figure 1. Exceptional Dispatch Volume from January 2012 to May 2024

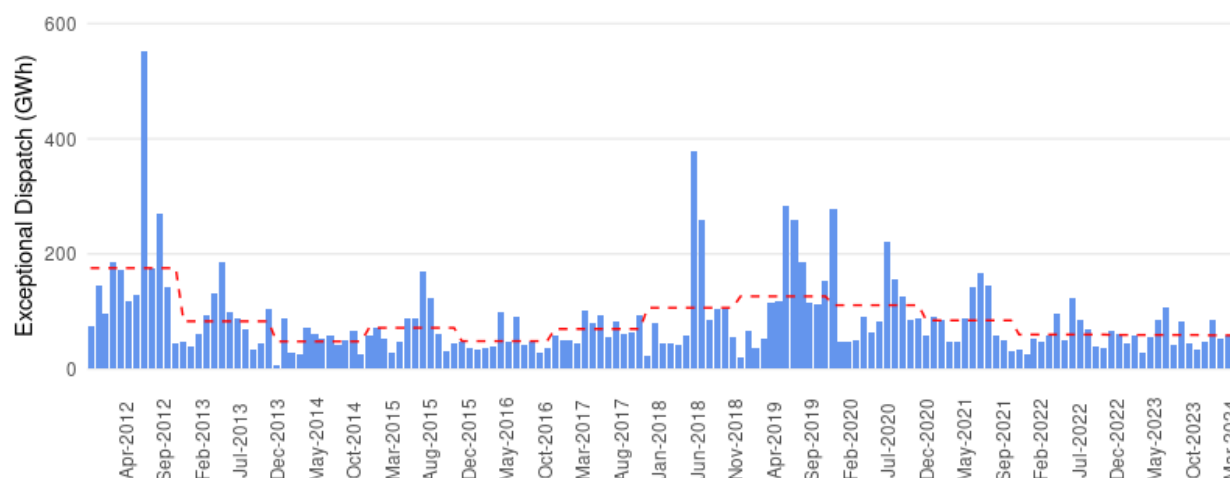


Figure 2 shows the volume of exceptional dispatches for December 2023 – May 2024. The volume of exceptional dispatches over this period was higher than the same period of the previous year by approximately 17%. This was driven by the increased need for exceptional dispatches for voltage support and a decreased need for planned transmission outage exceptional dispatches. The period covered in this report also covers the April 8, 2024 solar eclipse which saw a higher usage of the SOC Charge exceptional dispatch.

¹ The ISO's 120-day reports are available on the ISO website at:
<http://www.caiso.com/rules/Pages/Regulatory/RegulatoryFilingsAndOrders.aspx>

Figure 2. Daily Exceptional Dispatch Volume from December 2023 – May 2024

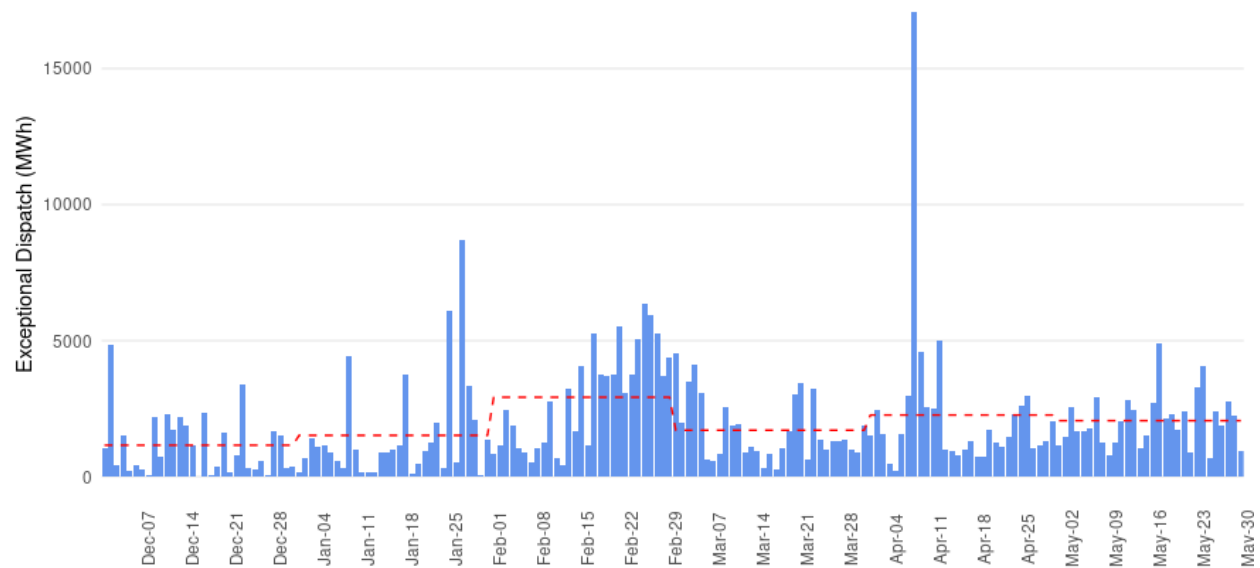


Figure 3 shows the daily pattern of exceptional dispatch volume for December 2023 – May 2024. Figure 4 shows the hourly pattern of exceptional dispatch volume for the same period.

The figure show that a majority of the volume of exceptional dispatches was due to voltage support (about 59% of total exceptional dispatch volume), planned transmission outage (about 14% of total exceptional dispatch volume), unit testing (about 7% of total exceptional dispatch volume), and reliability assessment (about 7% of total exceptional dispatch volume).

As explained in Operating Procedure 2330C², Reliability Assessment is the reason that encompasses Control Point (CP), Interconnection Reliability Operating Limit (IROL), System Operating Limit (SOL) and congestion related EDs, to mitigate reliability issues identified through the real – time assessment tools such as Real Time Contingency Analysis (RTCA), Voltage Stability Analysis (VSA), Dynamic Stability Analysis (DSA) and/or Operating Procedure (OP) or offline study.

² Operating Procedure 2330C - <http://www.caiso.com/Documents/2330C.pdf>

Figure 3. Daily Exceptional Dispatch Volume for December 2023 – May 2024 by Reason

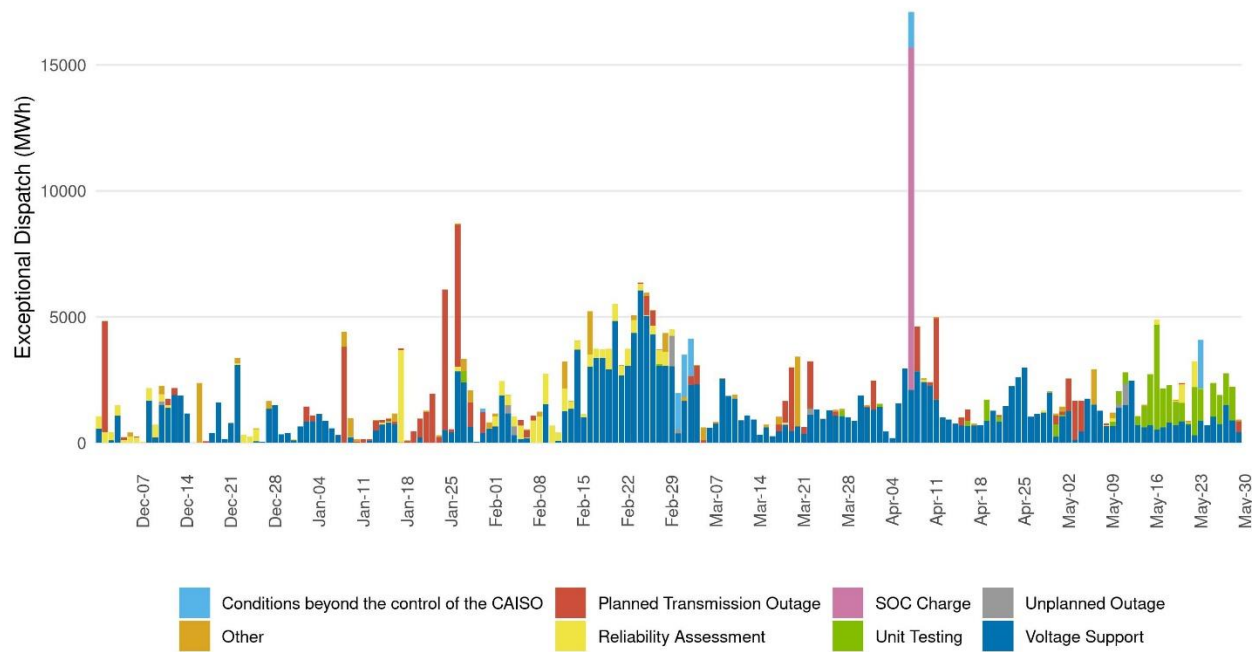
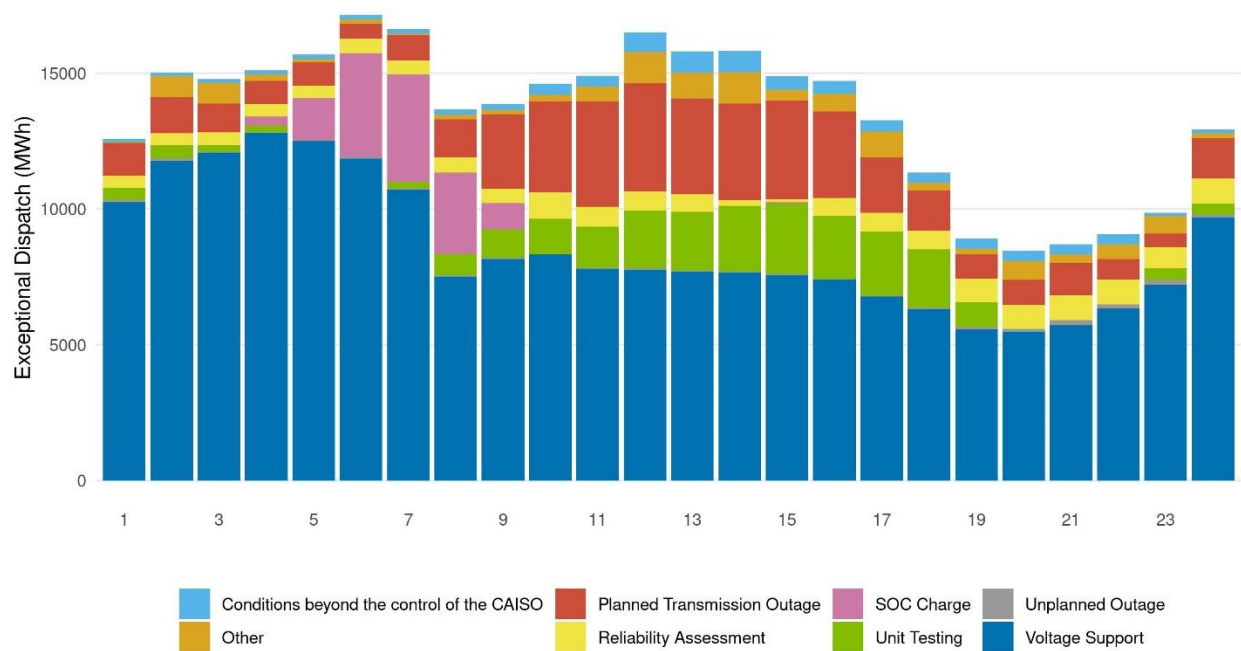


Figure 4. Hourly Exceptional Dispatch Volume for December 2023 – May 2024 by Reason



To comply with Commission directives and inform the market, as reflected in orders and the CAISO tariff, the CAISO produces and files two monthly exceptional dispatch reports in Docket No. ER08-1178, in addition to the 120-day reports that the CAISO is now resuming. One report (the Table 1 report) is filed on the 15th day of every month and the other report (the Table 2 report) is filed on the 30th day of every month. The CAISO has filed the Table 1 and Table 2 reports each month. These monthly reports provide the market with the most recent summary of exceptional dispatch activity and associated costs. The monthly reports are also available on the CAISO's website at: <http://www.aiso.com/market/Pages/ReportsBulletins/Default.aspx>.

The CAISO also publishes a monthly market performance report at: <http://www.aiso.com/market/Pages/ReportsBulletins/Default.aspx>. This monthly report highlights the frequency and cost of exceptional dispatch as a subset of the broader category of operator intervention. The report is published approximately three weeks after the end of every month and is based on preliminary settlement data available about 10 days after the end of the month.

Additional information is also explained in greater detail in the Market Performance Metric Catalog that the CAISO issues on a monthly basis. This report provides the explanation and context for each market metric, including information on exceptional dispatch. It is available at: <http://www.aiso.com/market/Pages/ReportsBulletins/Default.aspx>.

The CAISO also provides a regularly scheduled forum for discussing issues, including exceptional dispatch – the Market Performance and Planning Forum meetings that the CAISO holds every quarter. These meetings provide a venue for high-level dialogue on release planning, implementation, and new market enhancements. Agendas for the meetings cover items of importance to stakeholders, and includes general metrics of the ISO market performance, including Exceptional Dispatch metrics. Meeting agendas, presentations, and stakeholder comments are posted on the Market Performance and Planning Forum webpage: <https://www.aiso.com/meetings-events/topics/market-performance-and-planning-forum>.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served the foregoing document upon the parties listed on the official service list in the captioned proceedings, in accordance with the requirements of Rule 2010 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 C.F.R. § 385.2010).

Dated at Folsom, California, this 20th day of June, 2024.

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