## **BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Oversee the Resource Adequacy Program, Consider Program Reforms and Refinements, and Establish Forward Resource Adequacy Procurement Obligations.

Rulemaking 23-10-011

## CALIFORNIA INDEPENDENT SYSTEM OPERATOR CORPORATION NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF FINAL 2026 FLEXIBLE CAPACITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND FINAL 2026 AVAILABILITY ASSESSMENT HOURS

Pursuant to Rule 1.9(d) of the California Public Utilities Commission's (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure, the California Independent System Operator Corporation (CAISO) hereby provides notice to the service list for Rulemaking 23-10-011 that its Final 2026 Flexible Capacity Needs Assessment and Final 2026 Availability Assessment Hours have been posted publicly on the CAISO's website.

The Final 2026 Flexible Capacity Needs Assessment is included in the CAISO's filing as Attachment A and is also available at:

https://stakeholdercenter.caiso.com/InitiativeDocuments/Flexible-Capacity-Needs-Assessment-Final-2026.pdf

In addition to providing the assessment, the CAISO's filing includes as Attachment B a

spreadsheet that reflects how much total flexible capacity should be allocated among the

Commission's jurisdictional load serving entities.

The 2026 Flexible Capacity Needs Assessment and 2026 Availability Assessment Hours were vetted through the CAISO's annual flexible capacity needs assessment stakeholder process.<sup>1</sup> The CAISO posted a draft Flexible Capacity Needs Assessment and draft 2026 Availability Assessment Hours on April 25, 2025. The CAISO received no stakeholder comments on the draft report and draft assessment hours. There were no changes to the 2026 flexible capacity requirements or allocations between the draft and final reports. In addition, the recommendation for the 2026 Availability Assessment Hours remains the same in the final report as in the draft report.

The CAISO recommends the Commission allocate the total 2026 flexible capacity requirements reflected in Attachment B amongst its jurisdictional load serving entities.

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<sup>1</sup> See CAISO Flexible Capacity Needs Assessment – 2026 stakeholder page here:

https://stakeholdercenter.caiso.com/RecurringStakeholderProcesses/Flexible-capacity-needs-assessment-