

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

Pacific Gas and Electric Company)
) Docket No. ER00-2923-000
)

**MOTION TO INTERVENE OF THE CALIFORNIA INDEPENDENT
SYSTEM OPERATOR CORPORATION**

Pursuant to Rule 214 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“Commission”), 18 C.F.R. § 385.214, and the Commission’s June 28, 2000, Notice of Filing, the California Independent System Operator Corporation (“ISO”) hereby moves to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding. In support thereof, the ISO states as follows:

I. COMMUNICATIONS

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II. BACKGROUND

On June 21, 2000, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (“PG&E”) tendered for filing an Emergency Service Agreement Between Pacific Gas and Electric Company and City and County of San Francisco (“CCSF”). As described by PG&E, the agreement is intended to facilitate CCSF’s supplying of excess and reserve energy to the ISO to support reliability of the electric grid in California during the summer of 2000.¹ Under the agreement, CCSF may provide emergency energy to the ISO control area, in the event of or to prevent a Stage 1 or greater emergency, or to mitigate specific transmission constraints that may lead to curtailment of a firm load pursuant to the ISO’s Operating Procedure No. 427.²

III. BASIS FOR MOTION TO INTERVENE

The ISO is a non-profit public benefit corporation organized under the laws of the State of California and responsible for the reliable operation of a grid comprising the transmission systems of PG&E, San Diego Gas & Electric Company, and Southern California Edison Company, as well as for the coordination of the competitive electricity market in California. As the operator of this grid, the ISO believes that it has a unique interest in any Commission proceeding concerning the agreement submitted. The ISO also has an interest in decisions concerning the provision of emergency energy to the ISO control area by CCSF. Accordingly, the ISO requests that it be permitted to intervene herein with full rights as a party.

¹ PG&E Transmittal Letter at 1.

The ISO raises no substantive issues at the present time but reserves the right to do so regarding any further aspects of the proceeding ordered by the Commission. The ISO also reserves the right to file supplemental comments if warranted.

IV. CONCLUSION

Wherefore, for the foregoing reasons, the ISO respectfully requests that the Commission permit it to intervene, and that it be accorded full party status in this proceeding.

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² *Id.*