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David P. Boergers, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20426

**Re: Pacific Gas and Electric Company
Docket No. ER01-783-000**

Dear Secretary Boergers:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned proceeding are an original and fourteen copies of the Motion to Intervene of the California Independent System Operator Corporation. Two additional copies of the filing are also enclosed. I would appreciate your stamping the additional copies with the date filed and returning it to the messenger.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Kunselman
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Operator Corporation

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

**Pacific Gas and Electric Company) Docket No. ER01-783-000
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**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 January 4, 2001, 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 December 26, 2000, Pacific Gas and Electric Company ("PG&E") tendered for filing changes to the Transmission Revenue Balancing Account Adjustment ("TRBAA") rate as set forth in its Transmission Owner Tariff ("TO Tariff") and the Reliability Services ("RS") rates set forth in both its TO Tariff and its Reliability Services Tariff. PG&E has proposed a new TRBAA rate of negative \$0.00157 per kWh and average RS rates that it states would be approximately 23% lower than the currently effective RS rates for 2000. PG&E requests that these new rates become effective as of January 1, 2001.

III. BASIS FOR MOTION TO INTERVENE

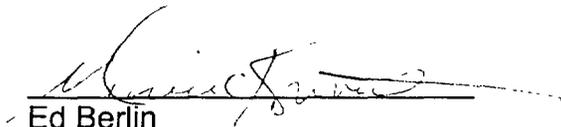
The ISO is a non-profit public benefit corporation organized under the laws of the State of California and responsible for the reliable operation of a grid comprising the transmission systems of PG&E, San Diego Gas & Electric Company, and Southern California Edison Company, as well as for the coordination of the competitive electricity market in California. The costs included in PG&E's TRBAA and RS rates are intended to recover costs assessed to PG&E by the ISO. Therefore, the ISO has a unique interest in any Commission proceeding concerning the TRBAA and RS rates charged by a Participating Transmission Owner ("Participating TO"). This interest cannot adequately be represented by any other party. Moreover, the ISO is responsible for ensuring nondiscriminatory access to this grid, which may be affected by the

TRBAA and RS rates charged by a Participating TO. The ISO's participation in this proceeding is therefore in the public interest.

IV. CONCLUSION

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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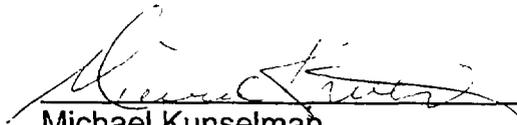
Counsel for the California Independent
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Date: January 17, 2001

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon each person designated on the official service list compiled by the Secretary in this proceeding.

Dated at Washington, DC, on this 17th day of January, 2001.



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