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### **New Vice President to Lead ISO Market & Grid Operations** *Brings multidiscipline background in utility and technical operations*

FOLSOM, Calif. – The new operations leader for the California Independent System Operator Corporation (ISO) brings a unique blend of operations, technology, business and environmental program management experience to the post. Eric Schmitt was appointed Vice President, Operations today, September 1, 2011. He assumes the position on September 23, filling the seat formerly held by Steve Berberich who was appointed ISO President and Chief Executive Officer in June.

“Eric has a tremendous depth of experience in the electric utility industry, with strong credentials leading large teams of diverse professionals to meet ambitious business goals while supporting important environmental policies,” said CEO Berberich. “During his thirty-year career in our industry, he has touched nearly every facet of electric utility business. He is an effective communicator and his thought leadership will further advance the ISO grid as we integrate thousands of megawatts of renewable power and open access to emerging technologies.”

Schmitt is currently serving as the senior vice president at Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC), based in Dallas, Texas. He has also provided global leadership for Capgemini Americas and served as Director, Technology Strategy and Planning for TXU—both in Dallas. He has held an array of technical and management positions at TU Electric as well as Power Generation, TUGCO and Florida Power & Light. Schmitt’s education background includes a Master of Business Administration from University of Texas and a Master of Science from Florida Institute of Technology. His Bachelor of Science was obtained from University of Notre Dame.

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