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December 22, 2004

The Honorable Magalie R. Salas
Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20426

**Re: California Independent System Operator Corporation
Docket Nos. ER03-1217, EL04-133, and ER04-1198**

Trans-Elect NTD Path 15, LLC
Docket No. ER05-17

(Not consolidated)

Dear Secretary Salas:

Enclosed are an original and fourteen copies of the Notice of Commercial Operation of Path 15 Upgrade filed by the California Independent System Operator ("ISO") in the above-captioned proceedings. Also enclosed are two extra copies of the filing to be time/date stamped and returned to us by the messenger. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Julia Moore

Counsel for the California
Independent System Operator Corporation

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

California Independent System Operator Corporation)	Docket Nos. ER03-1217-000,
)	EL04-133-000,
)	ER04-1198-000, and
Trans-Elect NTD Path 15, LLC)	ER05-17-000
)	(Not Consolidated)

NOTICE OF COMMERCIAL OPERATION OF PATH 15 UPGRADE

The California Independent System Operator Corporation ("ISO")¹ hereby provides notice that the Path 15 Upgrade reached commercial operation effective 00:01 on December 22, 2004.

I. Background

Path 15 previously comprised two 500 kV and four 230 kV transmission lines within the ISO Controlled Grid that extend from Southern California to Northern California. In order to alleviate Congestion on Path 15, Western Area Power Administration, Sierra Nevada Region ("Western"), Pacific Gas and Electric Company ("PG&E"), and Trans-Elect NTD Path 15, LLC ("Trans-Elect") have built a third 500 kV transmission line parallel to the existing Path 15 transmission facilities and upgraded other associated transmission facilities.

By letter order issued October 14, 2003, in Docket No. ER03-1217-000, the Commission accepted for filing the revisions to the Transmission Control Agreement ("TCA") to identify the transmission Entitlements in the proposed Path 15 Upgrade Project that Trans-Elect intends to turn over to the ISO's Operational

¹ Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein have the meaning set forth in the Master Definitions Supplement, Appendix A to the ISO Tariff.

Control. By order issued November 5, 2004,² the Commission accepted for filing the amendments to the TCA and ISO Tariff necessary for Western to be a partial Participating Transmission Owner for the Path 15 Upgrade upon commercial operation of the project, ordering that the TCA amendments be made effective as of November 1, 2004.³

By order issued December 2, 2004, in Docket No. ER05-17-000,⁴ the Commission accepted for filing Trans-Elect's Transmission Revenue Requirement and proposed TO Tariff, suspended it for a nominal period, to become effective upon commencement of commercial operation of the Path 15 Upgrade, subject to refund and subject to the outcome of the proceeding established in Docket No. PL05-5-000.

II. Commercial Operation of Path 15 Upgrade

The ISO has been working with Trans-Elect, PG&E and Western during the start-up and testing of the line and the ISO is in concurrence with these entities that all necessary steps for commercial operation of the Path 15 Upgrade have taken place such that the increased scheduling capability was made available for Market Participant use effective hour ending 01:00 on December 22, 2004.⁵ Therefore, the ISO provides this notice to the Commission.

² *California Independent System Operator Corporation*, 109 ¶¶ FERC 61,153 (2004).

³ Amendments to the TCA were granted in part and denied in part and accepted, subject to modifications, effective November 1, 2004. The ISO filed its compliance filing on December 6, 2004. Amendment 63 to the ISO Tariff was conditionally accepted subject to further Commission action, suspended for a nominal period, and made effective November 1, 2004, subject to refund. 109 FERC ¶¶ 61,153 at PP1-2.

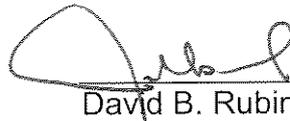
⁴ *Trans-Elect NTD Path 15, LLC*, 109 FERC ¶¶ 61,249 (2004).

⁵ Scheduling is down on an hourly basis, and hour ending 01:00 goes from 00:01 to 01:00

III. Effective Pages of TCA

In accordance with the Commission order, the ISO requests that First Revised Sheet No. 66, First Revised Sheet No. 67, Original Sheet No. 103A, and Original Sheet No. 235 of the Transmission Control Agreement become effective as of 00:01 on December 22, 2004.⁶

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⁶ ISO FERC Electric Tariff No. 7

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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

Dated at Folsom, CA, on this 22nd day of December, 2004.

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