

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

California Department of Water Resources

Docket No. EL03-142-000
(Consolidated with Docket Nos.
EL03-137-000, *et al.*)

ORDER OF CHIEF JUDGE SEVERING PARTY AND
HOLDING PROCEEDINGS IN ABEYANCE

(Issued October 30, 2003)

1. On October 29, 2003, counsel for the California Department of Water Resources State Water Project (SWP) requested that the Chief Judge sever Docket No. EL03-142-000 from the consolidated proceedings under Docket Nos. EL03-137-000, *et al.*, and suspend further procedures. As grounds for the request, SWP states that on October 28, 2003, the Commission Trial Staff filed a motion to dismiss the Show Cause proceeding as it applies to SWP, Docket No. EL03-142-000, with the Commission. SWP's motion states that counsel for the California Parties (the Attorney General, the Electricity Oversight Board, Southern California Edison Company, Pacific Gas & Electric Company and the California Public Utilities Commission) and the Commission Staff do not oppose the instant request.

2. The Chief Judge finds good cause to sever SWP from the consolidated proceedings in EL03-137-000, *et al.*, and to suspend further procedures pending action by the Commission on the motion to dismiss. Severance will relieve SWP from undertaking formal litigation procedures in the consolidated proceedings and will result in savings of time and resources. Accordingly, for good cause shown, Docket No. EL03-142-000 is hereby severed from the consolidated proceeding in Docket No. EL03-137-000, *et al.*, and the procedural schedule as it applies to SWP is hereby suspended pending action on the motion to dismiss.

Curtis L. Wagner, Jr.
Chief Administrative Law Judge