

California ISO Readiness Notes

Title: Maintenance Updates to Resource Interconnection Management System (RIMS) September 2026

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Primary Audience: RIMS users, specifically those who participate in the New Resource Implementation (NRI) process.

The following enhancements have been deployed to RIMS to improve bucket file validation and support additional documentation requirements for NRI projects.

Enhancement 1: Filename Validation Updates for Meter Configuration Submissions

RIMS has been updated to correct filename validation for Meter Configuration submissions:

- For **NRI projects (non-WEM)** that elect to participate as **SCME**, RIMS will now accept the filename "**SQMD MeterConfig**" and route the submission through the appropriate review process.
- For **SCME projects (WEM)**, RIMS will enforce the required filename "**SQMD MeterConfig**." Submissions using only "**MeterConfig**" as the filename will no longer be accepted.

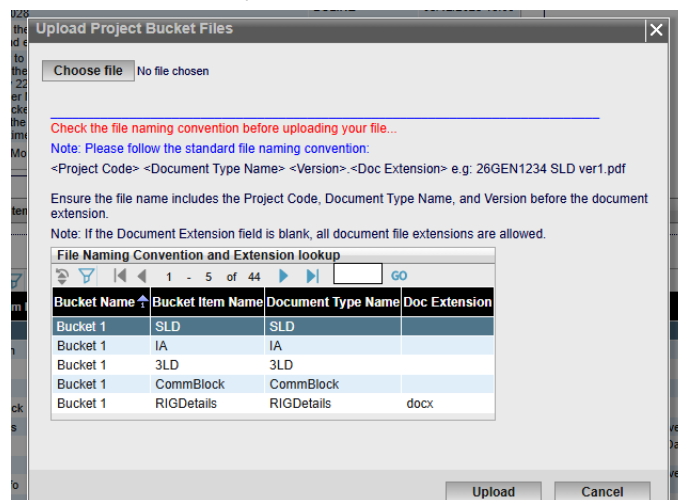
Filename Validation Examples

- For SCME (WEM) projects, the filename must include "SQMD MeterConfig". For Non-SCME (NRI) projects, both "MeterConfig" and "SQMD MeterConfig" filenames are accepted.

Project Type	Configured Bucket Item	File Upload Example	Result
SCME	SQMD MeterConfig	26SCMExxx SQMD MeterConfig.docx	✓ Allowed
SCME	SQMD MeterConfig	26SCMExxx MeterConfig.docx	✗ Not Allowed
Non-SCME	Meter Config	26GENxxx MeterConfig.docx	✓ Allowed
Non-SCME	Meter Config	26GENxxx SQMD MeterConfig.docx	✓ Allowed

Additional Enhancement

- A **Bucket File Validation Reference** has been added to the **Documents** upload section to help users identify the expected filename format prior to submission. See the screenshot below for an example.



Enhancement 2: New Required Bucket Item - Control Protection Data Recording

A new **Bucket 3** item, **Control Protection Data Recording**, has been added for **3-Party projects**.

- All existing 3-Party projects in an **Active** or **On Hold** status are now required to submit this bucket item. A system script has been run to update existing projects and mark the item as required.
- For all newly created 3-Party projects, **Control Protection Data Recording** will automatically be designated as a required Bucket 3 item.
- The **NRI Guide** has been updated to reflect this new requirement and will be available following the production deployment.

BUCKET 3		11/30/2026
Bucket Item Name	Required?	File Accepted
FinalGRDT	Yes	No
GRDT Explanation	Yes	No
PIRPLOI	Yes	No
CECPreCert	No	No
ControlProtection	Yes	No
ControlProtectionInverter	Yes	No
Control Protection Data Recording	Yes	No
ControlProtectionInverterReport	Yes	No
SCSelection	Yes	No
SCAcceptance	Yes	No
24HourContact	Yes	No
CPSAgreement	Yes	No
ECNAgreement	Yes	No

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