

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
104 FERC ¶ 63,017

NEO California Power LLC

Docket No. EL02-18-001

SETTLEMENT JUDGE'S STATUS REPORT

(Issued July 23, 2003)

To the Commission and the Chief Administrative Law Judge:

1. By its order issued May 20, 2003, 103 FERC ¶ 61,206, the Commission established settlement judge procedures. By his order issued June 2, 2003, the Chief Administrative Law Judge designated me settlement judge.
2. After a postponement, a session of settlement conference was held June 20, 2003. The issues in contention were discussed at length and the session was adjourned upon the participants' agreement to exchange data.
3. On July 11, 2003, counsel for the California ISO circulated a position paper with attachments. Participants have examined it and are now consulting to determine a mutually acceptable date for another session before August 19, 2003.
4. It is much too early to say that an impasse has been reached. I recommend that settlement judge procedures be continued.

Respectfully submitted.

Joseph R. Nancy
Settlement Judge