

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Before Commissioners: Pat Wood, III, Chairman;  
Nora Mead Brownell, Joseph T. Kelliher,  
and Suedeen G. Kelly.

California Independent System Operator  
Corporation

Docket Nos. ER05-416-000  
ER05-416-001  
ER05-416-002  
ER05-416-003

ORDER ON INFORMATIONAL FILING

(Issued April 18, 2005)

1. On December 30, 2004, as amended February 11, 2005,<sup>1</sup> March 17, 2005<sup>2</sup> and March 22, 2005,<sup>3</sup> the California Independent System Operator Corporation (CAISO) submitted an informational filing that adjusts the CAISO's Transmission Access Charge to be effective on January 1, 2005. The Transmission Access Charge is determined through a formula rate based on the combined Transmission Revenue Requirements of the CAISO's Participating Transmission Owners. This informational filing applies that formula to the Transmission Revenue Balancing Accounts (Balancing Accounts) for CAISO's current Participating Transmission Owners.

2. Notice of the CAISO's December 30, 2004 Filing was issued in the *Federal Register*, 70 Fed. Reg. 3,015 (2005), with comments, protests, or interventions due on or before January 21, 2005. Pacific Gas and Electric Company and the Northern California

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<sup>1</sup> In the February 11, 2005 Filing, CAISO corrected inaccurate figures for Pasadena.

<sup>2</sup> In the March 17, 2005 Filing, CAISO revised figures to reflect information provided by the City of Riverside in Docket Nos. EL05-45-000 on February 11, 2005 and San Diego Gas & Electric Company in Docket No. ER05-411-000 on February 17, 2005.

<sup>3</sup> In the March 22, 2005 Filing, CAISO corrected some inaccurate rates for the City of Riverside and San Diego Gas & Electric Company reflected in the March 17, 2005 Filing.

Power Agency filed timely motions to intervene. Southern California Edison Company (SoCal Edison) filed a timely motion to intervene and protest. On February 7, 2005, the CAISO filed an answer to SoCal Edison's protest. Notice of the CAISO's February 11, 2005 Amended Filing was issued in the *Federal Register*, 70 Fed. Reg. 9,636 (2005), with comments, protests, or interventions due on or before February 28, 2005. None was filed. Notice of the CAISO's March 17, 2005 Amended Filing was issued in the *Federal Register*, 70 Fed. Reg. 16,814 (2005), with comments, protests, or interventions due on or before April 4, 2005. None was filed. Notice of the CAISO's March 22, 2005 Amended Filing was issued in the *Federal Register*, 70 Fed. Reg. 17,080 (2005), with comments, protests, or interventions due on or before April 6, 2005. None was filed.

### **Discussion**

3. Pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 C.F.R. § 385.214 (2004), the notices of intervention and timely, unopposed motions to intervene serve to make the entities that filed them parties to this proceeding. Rule 213(a)(2) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 C.F.R. § 385.213(a)(2) (2004), prohibits an answer to a protest unless otherwise ordered by the decisional authority. We are not persuaded to accept CAISO's answer and will, therefore, reject it.

4. SoCal Edison requests that the Commission not approve the CAISO's revised Transmission Access Charges until we resolve issues raised by SoCal Edison concerning the Balancing Account revisions filed by San Diego Gas and Electric and the City of Riverside, California in other pending Commission proceedings.<sup>4</sup>

5. We reject SoCal Edison's request. The underlying formula is the rate on file, as approved by the Commission, and the informational filing simply reflects the current inputs under that formula rate.<sup>5</sup> As the Commission recognized in Opinion No. 478, issues regarding the individual Transmission Revenue Requirements of the Participating Transmission Owners that are put into the Transmission Access Charges formula rate should be decided in their individual Transmission Revenue Requirements proceedings.<sup>6</sup> Transmission Revenue Requirements are adjusted through Balancing Account filings in order to reflect certain credits to the Transmission Revenue Requirements associated with

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<sup>4</sup> San Diego Gas and Electric Company's filed its Transmission Revenue Balancing Account revision in Docket No. ER05-411-000. The City of Riverside made its Transmission Revenue Balancing Account filing in Docket No. EL05-45-000.

<sup>5</sup> See *California Independent System Operator Corporation*, Opinion No. 478, 109 FERC ¶ 61,301 (2004), *reh'g pending*.

<sup>6</sup> *Id.* at P 88.

transmission rights turned over the CAISO's operational control. Consistent with Opinion No. 478, the Commission need not delay action on the CAISO's filing, pending the outcome of the individual Transmission Revenue Balancing Account proceedings, as the CAISO will implement the revised Transmission Revenue Requirements when the individual proceedings are completed by further updating the formula rate. We also note that the Transmission Revenue Balancing Account filings by Riverside and San Diego were accepted for filing by separate delegated letter orders.

The Commission orders:

CAISO's amended informational filing is accepted as filed, as discussed in the body of this order.

By the Commission.

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Magalie R. Salas,  
Secretary.