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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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In Reply Refer To:  
California Independent System  
Operator Corporation  
Docket No. ER14-1544-000

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Dear Ms. Davies:

1. On March 20, 2014, the California Independent System Operator Corporation (CAISO) submitted, pursuant to Rule 207 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure,<sup>1</sup> an amended petition seeking Commission approval to revise the amount of forfeited funds that it seeks to distribute to market participants.<sup>2</sup> As discussed below, we grant CAISO's amended petition.
2. CAISO states that it filed a petition on October 14, 2013, requesting Commission authorization to distribute funds that were forfeited during the 2011 and 2012 calendar years, plus accrued interest.<sup>3</sup> On December 19, 2013, the Commission granted CAISO's petition.<sup>4</sup> In its amended petition, CAISO states that it has since determined that the principal balance for the forfeited study deposits, as set forth in the October 14 Filing,

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<sup>1</sup> 18 C.F.R. § 385.207 (2014).

<sup>2</sup> CAISO March 20, 2014 Filing at 1 (CAISO Filing).

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* (citing CAISO, Petition, Docket No. ER14-84-000 (filed October 14, 2013) (October 14 Filing)).

<sup>4</sup> *Cal. Indep. Sys. Operator Corp.*, 145 FERC ¶ 61,223 (2013).

was understated by \$144,621.<sup>5</sup> CAISO therefore requests approval to distribute the revised amount, plus accrued interest.<sup>6</sup>

3. CAISO explains that the generator interconnection procedures set forth in Appendix Y of CAISO's open access transmission tariff (tariff) require each interconnection customer to submit an interconnection study deposit to initiate an interconnection request. If an interconnection customer fails to achieve the specified project milestones prior to withdrawing from the queue, its study deposits are forfeited and subsequently allocated, with accrued interest, to the scheduling coordinators of eligible market participants in accordance with the formula in section 37.9.4 of the tariff.<sup>7</sup> Further, CAISO explains that, pursuant to section 37.9.4 of its tariff, it must obtain the Commission's approval to distribute the forfeited funds prior to any disbursement.

4. Notice of CAISO's filing was published in the *Federal Register*, 79 Fed. Reg. 17,527 (2014), with interventions and protests due on or before April 10, 2014. No comments or protests were filed.

5. We find that CAISO's proposal to revise the amount of forfeited funds to market participants is just and reasonable. We also find that the revision is consistent with the Commission's policy and the relevant provisions in its tariff for allocating and distributing forfeited funds to scheduling coordinators.<sup>8</sup> Therefore, we grant CAISO's amended petition to distribute the revised amount of the forfeited funds, plus accrued interest.

By direction of the Commission.

Kimberly D. Bose,  
Secretary.

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<sup>5</sup> The current principal balance for the forfeited study deposits is \$15,588,925, and the adjusted amount is \$15,733,546. CAISO Filing at 2.

<sup>6</sup> CAISO Filing at 6-7.

<sup>7</sup> *Id.* at 2.

<sup>8</sup> *See, e.g., Cal. Indep. Sys. Operator Corp.*, 149 FERC ¶ 61,178 (2014).