

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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

NEO California Power LLC

Docket No. EL02-18-001

ORDER DIRECTING PARTIES TO REPORT AND STAYING SETTLEMENT  
JUDGE'S STATUS REPORTS

(Issued January 7, 2005)

Take notice that the parties to this proceeding, *see NEO California Power LLC*, 103 FERC ¶ 61,206 (2003), are hereby directed to report to the Commission – explaining: why settlement discussions have stalled; and whether, when and how settlement discussions can be restarted, and whether settlement judge procedures should be terminated and instead trial-type evidentiary proceedings commenced. The parties are directed to report within 15 days. The Commission's requirement that the settlement judge submit status reports at least every 30 days is hereby stayed until further action of the Commission.

By the Commission.

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Linda Mitry,  
Deputy Secretary.