

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Joint Application of NEXTERA ENERGY
TRANSMISSION WEST, LLC and PACIFIC
GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY (U39E)
for Permits to Construct the Estrella Substation
and Paso Robles Area Reinforcement Project.

Application 17-01-023
(Filed January 25, 2017)

**MOTION FOR PARTY STATUS OF THE CALIFORNIA INDEPENDENT
SYSTEM OPERATOR CORPORATION**

Pursuant to Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure 1.4(a)(4) and 11.1, the California Independent System Operator Corporation (CAISO) hereby moves for leave to become a party to this proceeding.

The CAISO is a California not for profit public benefit corporation charged with reliably planning and operating the high voltage transmission system for its participating transmission owners, including Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E). The CAISO is an active participant in many Commission proceedings, including applications for permits to construct CAISO-approved transmission projects.

In this proceeding, Horizon West Transmission, LLC (formally known as NextEra Energy Transmission West, LLC (NEET West)) and PG&E jointly filed an application for permits to construct the Estrella Substation and Paso Robles Area Reinforcement Project (Proposed Project). The California Independent System Operator Corporation identified the Proposed Project as a necessary solution to meet reliability-driven transmission system needs in its 2013-2014 Transmission Plan. Because the CAISO identified the reliability need for the Proposed Project, the CAISO is uniquely situated to address project benefits and assess potential alternatives. The CAISO intends to present legal and factual contentions regarding the purpose of the Proposed Project and project benefits.

The CAISO requests that all correspondence, pleadings, notices, orders, rulings and other communications concerning this proceeding be provided to the following:

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For the reasons stated above, the CAISO asks that the Commission grant its motion for party status.

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