Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

December 20, 2000

Amended Order Pursuant to Section 202(c) of the Federal Power Act

On December 14, 2000, pursuant to Section 202(c) of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 824a(c)) and 10 C.F.R. § 205.370, because of a shortage of currently operational electric generation facilities, a shortage of water used to generate electricity, unusual volatility of electricity and natural gas markets, and for other reasons, I determined that California was experiencing an unexpected shortage of electric energy. Therefore, pursuant to Section 202(c) of the Federal Power Act, I found an emergency existed in California by reason of the shortage of electric energy, and issued an order requiring entities listed in the order to make arrangements to generate, deliver, interchange, and transmit electric energy when, as, and in such amounts as may be requested by the California Independent System Operator (California ISO).

I find that the circumstances which led to my previous determination that California was experiencing a shortage of electric energy continue and hereby extend the Section 202(c) emergency order until 3:00 a.m., EST December 28, 2000. In addition, I am changing the order such that the entities listed in the order are not required to deliver energy or services to the California ISO until 8 hours after the California ISO submits its certification to the entities. Further, I am deleting the first sentence of Ordering Paragraph E of the December 14, 2000, order and requiring the California ISO to request, at the time of certification from the entities from which it is seeking energy and services, information on the availability of resources subject to the order. This information must be supplied to the California ISO within 6 hours of certification.

All other terms of the December 14, 2000, order remain the same and in effect.

ORDER

For the reasons set forth above, pursuant to Section 202(c) of the Federal Power Act, it is ordered that:

A. Ordering Paragraph C of the "Order pursuant to Section 202(c) of the Federal Power Act" (the Order), dated December 14, 2000, is amended to read as follows: "This order is effective immediately and expires at 3:00 a.m., EST, December 28, 2000, unless altered or revoked by further order.".

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B. Ordering Paragraph D of the Order is amended by striking the number "12" and inserting in its place the number "8".

C. Ordering Paragraph E of the Order is amended by striking the first sentence thereof and inserting the following sentence: "The California ISO must seek information from entities subject to the terms of this order, from which the California ISO seeks to obtain energy and services, at the time of certification and the entities must respond within 6 hours.".

Issued in Washington, D. C., on December 20, 2000

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Secretary