

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

STAFF NOTICE OF ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

(January 22, 2014)

Take notice<sup>1</sup> that in six non-public, preliminary investigations pursuant to 18 CFR Part 1b (2013), the staff of the Office of Enforcement of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has preliminarily determined that several entities violated various Reliability Standards. On the afternoon of September 8, 2011, an 11-minute system disturbance occurred in the Pacific Southwest, leading to cascading outages and leaving approximately 2.7 million customers without power, some for up to 12 hours. The outages affected parts of Arizona, southern California, and Baja California, Mexico. Following the outages, Commission and the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) staff conducted an inquiry, which resulted in the publication of a report detailing causes and recommendations related to the outages, which can be found at <http://www.ferc.gov/legal/staff-reports/04-27-2012-ferc-nerc-report.pdf>. Staff alleges violations of the Reliability Standards Requirements (indicated as “R” below) by the entities listed below:

**Arizona Public Service:** Staff alleges that APS violated the following Reliability Standards: TOP-002-2a R4, R6 and R11; TOP-004-2 R1 and R2; TOP-008-1 R2; and FAC-014-2 R2.

**California Independent System Operator:** Staff alleges that CAISO violated the following Reliability Standards: FAC-014-2 R 2; TOP-004-2 R 1 and R2; TOP-006-1 R 5; and TOP-008-1 R 2.

**Imperial Irrigation District:** Staff alleges that IID violated the following Reliability Standards: TOP-002-2a R4, R5, R6, R10, and R11; TOP-004-2 R1, R2, and R4; TOP-008-1 R2; TPL-002-0 R1; and TPL-003-0a R1.

**Southern California Edison:** Staff alleges that SCE violated the following Reliability Standard: PRC-001-1 R4.

**Western Area Power Administration-Desert Southwest:** Staff alleges that Western-DSW violated the following Reliability Standards: TOP-004-2 R1 and R2; TOP-008-1 R2; and VAR-001-2 R9

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<sup>1</sup> *Enforcement of Statutes, Regulations, and Orders*, 129 FERC ¶ 61,247 (2009); *order on reh’g*, 134 FERC ¶ 61,054 (2011).

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**Western Electricity Coordinating Council Reliability Coordinator:** Staff alleges that WECC RC violated the following Reliability Standards: FAC-011-2 R3; FAC-014-2 R1; IRO-003-2 R1 and R2; IRO-004-1 R1; and IRO-005-2 R5, R9, R12, and R15.

This notice does not confer a right on third parties to intervene in the investigation or any other right with respect to the investigation.

Kimberly D. Bose,  
Secretary.

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