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November 16, 2000

Mr. David P. Boergers, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, N.E.  
Washington, DC 20426

VIA UPS NEXT DAY AIR

**Re: Avista Corporation, the Bonneville Power Administration, Idaho Power Company, The Montana Power Company, Nevada Power Company, PacifiCorp, Portland General Electric Company, Puget Sound Energy, Inc., and Sierra Pacific Power Company.**

Docket No. RT01-35-000

Dear Mr. Boergers:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned docket are one original and 15 copies of the California Electricity Oversight Board's Motion to Intervene. Please file-endorse the extra copy and return it to me in the enclosed, self-addressed envelope.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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Nevada Power Company,	)	
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PacifiCorp,	)	
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Portland General Electric Company,	)	
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Puget Sound Energy, Inc., and	)	
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Sierra Pacific Power Company.	)	

**MOTION TO INTERVENE  
OF THE CALIFORNIA ELECTRICITY  
OVERSIGHT BOARD**

Pursuant to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 C.F.R. § 385.214, and the Notice of Filing dated October 24, 2000, the California Electricity Oversight Board (Board) hereby moves to intervene in the above-captioned docket.

**I. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS**

The principal office of the Board is located at 770 L Street, Suite 1250, Sacramento, California, 95814. All pleadings, orders, correspondence and communications regarding this motion should be directed to the following persons:

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## II. MOTION TO INTERVENE

Pursuant to the Commission's Notice of Filing dated October 24, 2000, the Board moves to intervene to obtain party status to represent itself, and the responsibilities the State of California has assigned to it, in this proceeding. The Board was created as a component of California's comprehensive restructuring legislation. The Board's statutory responsibilities include: 1) oversight of the California Independent System Operator Corporation (CAISO) including the energy and ancillary services markets administered by the CAISO and the reliability of the California electric grid; and 2) oversight of the California Power Exchange Corporation (CalPX) including the energy markets operated by the CalPX.

On October 23, 2000, Avista Corporation, the Bonneville Power Administration, the Idaho Power Company, the Montana Power Company, the Nevada Power Company, PacifiCorp, Portland General Electric Company, Puget Sound Energy, Inc., and Sierra Pacific Power Company (collectively, the filing utilities) filed a Supplemental Compliance Filing and Request for Declaratory Order pursuant to the Commission's Order No. 2000 (Order 2000) and in accordance with 18 CFR 385.207(a)(2). Among other things, the filing describes the filing utilities' proposal to form a regional

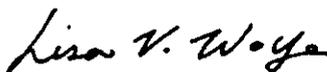
transmission organization (RTO), referred to as "RTO West", in compliance with the requirements of Order 2000.

The Board has an interest in the development of RTOs. The CAISO's Order 2000 compliance filing must be filed with the Commission no later than January 15, 2001. Of particular interest are RTO proposals involving transmission facilities in close proximity to or interconnected with CAISO - controlled transmission facilities. The RTO West proposal encompasses high-voltage transmission facilities in various western states within the Western Systems Coordinating Council area including parts of California.

In accordance with the Board's statutory responsibilities described above, the Board has an interest in participating in this proceeding and its participation is in the public interest of the citizens of the State of California. The Board has an interest that will be directly affected by the outcome of this proceeding. 18 C.F.R. §§ 385.214(b)(2)(ii) and 385.214(b)(2)(iii). The Board respectfully requests that the Commission grant this motion to intervene.

Dated: November 16, 2000

Respectfully submitted,



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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have served the foregoing document upon each person designated on the official service list compiled by the Secretary for this proceeding on or before November 20, 2000.

Dated at Sacramento, California, this 16th day of November, 2000.

  
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