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On May 1, 2018, FERC staff held a technical conference on local transmission planning within the California Independent System Operator Corporation ("CAISO") footprint. The conference comes at a time when two California utilities, Pacific Gas and Electric Company ("PG&E") and Southern California Edison Company ("SCE"), have transmission planning issues before the Commission, and also following FERC's recent order addressing compliance with Order No. 890 in the PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. ("PJM") region (see February 20, 2018 edition of the [WER](#)).

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On May 2, 2018, staff from FERC, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (“NERC”), and the NERC Regional Entities (the “Joint Study Team”), issued a joint report titled “FERC-NERC-Regional Entity Joint Review of Restoration and Recovery Plans” (“Joint Report”), which evaluated blackstart resources and planning by a representative sample of nine volunteer utilities registered with NERC (the “Participants”). According to the Joint Report, the Participants verified that they currently have sufficient blackstart resources in their system restoration plans, as well as comprehensive strategies for mitigating against loss of any additional blackstart resources going forward. The Joint Report also made a number of recommendations for users, owners, or operators of the bulk-power system (“Registered Entities”) and others responsible for system restoration.

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On April 27, 2018 (“April 27 Order”), FERC denied a rehearing request of Basin Electric Power Cooperative (“Basin Electric”), Heartland Consumers Power District (“Heartland”), and Missouri River Energy Services (“Missouri River”; collectively, “Rehearing Parties”). The Rehearing Parties contended that their grandfathered agreement regarding the Missouri Basin Power Project was eligible for carve-out treatment under the Southwest Power Pool, Inc. (“SPP”) Open Access Transmission Tariff (“SPP Tariff”). In this proceeding, “carve-out treatment” refers to an exemption from congestion charges and marginal losses. FERC ultimately rejected the rehearing request because it found, among other reasons, that Rehearing Parties are not similarly situated

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to another party, who had already been given carve-out treatment.

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On April 30, 2018, the Commission granted the California Independent System Operator Corporation's ("CAISO") request for a limited waiver of a specific section of CAISO's Tariff to allow CAISO to: (1) process out-of-time annual recertifications for certain resources as "Acquired Resources" for the 2018 resource adequacy compliance year, and (2) provide certainty to those resources that their Resource Adequacy Availability Incentive Mechanism ("RAAIM") exemption for the 2017 resource adequacy compliance year will not be unwound.

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