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GENERAL INFORMATION

21. SYSTEM ALERTS (SAs) AND OPERATIONAL FLOW ORDERS (OFOs):

A. Description and Applicability

- (1) In response to a Critical Period, the Company may, at its sole discretion, take protective action through the issuance of a SA to Pool Operators and Aggregation Pool Operators. In response to more extreme circumstances (Critical Day(s)) the Company may, at its sole discretion, take protective action through the issuance of an OFO to Pool Operators and Aggregation Pool Operators. The Company will endeavor to provide Pool Operators and Aggregation Pool Operators the opportunity to take corrective action, prior to the issuance of an OFO, by issuing a SA. However, the Company shall not be obligated to issue a SA prior to the issuance of an OFO.
- (2) When issued, a SA will set forth the voluntary corrective actions being requested at that time, as well as the corrective actions that may be mandated if the voluntary response to the System Alert is inadequate. However, the System Alert will in no way act to limit the corrective actions that may ultimately be mandated by the Company through an OFO. Pool Operators and Aggregation Pool Operators shall respond to a SA by providing notification of their intended actions. In the event that voluntary actions taken in response to a SA are inadequate, or in circumstances where the Company considers a SA inadequate to respond to impending conditions that threaten the integrity of the Company's system, the Company, at its sole discretion, shall have the right to issue an OFO to Pool Operator(s) and Aggregation Pool Operator(s).

B. Notification and Issuance

- (1) Except during periods of extraordinary operational stress, the Company shall notify all parties by issuing a SA at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to invoking an OFO via posting on the bulletin board, telephone, or facsimile. An OFO may be invoked twenty-four (24) hours after the issuance of the SA. In such event, the Company will provide a minimum of eight (8) hours notice that the SA is being converted to an OFO.
- (2) The Company may issue an OFO, effective on less notice than set forth above, during periods of extraordinary operational stress.

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