

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**San Diego Gas & Electric Company,  
Complainant**

**Docket No. EL00-95-045**

**v.**

**Sellers of Energy and Ancillary Service Into  
Markets Operated by the California  
Independent System Operator Corporation  
and the California Power Exchange,  
Respondents.**

**Investigation of Practices of the California  
Independent System Operator and the  
California Power Exchange**

**Docket No. EL00-98-042**

**ORDER CONVENING ORAL ARGUMENT**

**(Issued August 2, 2002)**

1. Good cause is present to convene an oral argument at 10:00 A.M. on August 7, 2002 in a Commission hearing room to ventilate SMUD's motion to compel data from Avista and Powerex. Consequently, written answers to the motion shall not be entertained.
2. I want to learn more **in print** about so-called "sleeving transactions" before I entertain arguments that those matters and issues are beyond the scope of the issues set for hearing. The surrebuttal testimony that is due by August 9, 2002 may shed additional light on stipulated issue I.A.2. to which these disputes are related. For these reasons, I will not entertain arguments at the August 7 oral argument that the information sought is not reasonably calculated to lead to evidence germane to disposition of the issues. The parties would do well to make a further good faith effort to resolve these discovery disputes now.
3. The participants are reminded that the trial schedule provides for oral argument on motions to strike on August 14, 2002.

**Bruce L. Birchman**

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**Presiding Administrative Law Judge**