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Long-Term Status Change

General Order (GO) 167-B requires Generating Asset Owner (GAO) to notify the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) of any changes in long-term status of a unit. The GAO must report the change in writing, at least 90 days prior to the actual change taking place.

If you are a GAO and need to report a change, please send your notification and all required documents in PDF format to GO167@cpuc.ca.gov.

Change in Long-Term Status of a Unit

Operation Standard 23: Notification of Changes in Long-Term Status of a Unit, states:

"The GAO notifies the Commission and the Control Area Operator in writing at least 90 days prior to a change in the long-term status of a unit. The notification includes a description of the planned change."

Guidelines

- A. Changes in long-term status include shutdown, cold layup, mothballing, retirement, decommissioning, and similar changes, other than planned and forced outages, that make a unit unavailable for dispatch. Outages requiring approval by the Control Area Operator are valid for the purposes of this standard only if they receive that approval.
- B. Submission of an Operation Plan and/or Unit Plan does not constitute notice of a change in unit status.
- C. The GAO follows Maintenance, Logbook, and Operation standards until the plant status changes, with no decline in the unit's readiness for operation.

Operation Standard 26: Planning for Long-Term Unit Storage, states:

"At least 90 days before a change in the long-term status of an electric generation unit, other than permanent shutdown and/or decommissioning, the GAO shall submit to the Commission plans and procedures for storage, reliable restart, and operation of the unit."

Guidelines

- A. Changes in long-term status include shutdown, cold layup, mothballing, retirement, decommissioning, and similar changes, other than planned and forced outages, that make a unit unavailable for dispatch. Outages requiring approval by the Control Area Operator are valid for the purposes of this standard only if they receive that approval.
- B. Procedures are prepared and submitted for storing and restarting a unit both for 1) removal from service for 12 months or more and 2) removal from service for less than 12 months.
- C. Procedures are developed in compliance with Standard 7 on Operation Procedures.
- D. Either a dry or wet storage approach is acceptable.
- E. Procedures are carefully planned and documented in a step-by-step process for each system. The lay-up/mothballing procedures and checklists address the following systems, components, and issues" (see [Operation Standard 26](#) for the complete list).

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