



Legal & Claims Committee

Request to Authorize Increase for Special Counsel Contract with Thompson Coburn LLP

Item #7-6

May 9, 2023

Special Counsel

Request for Additional Funds

- Increase existing contract with Thompson Coburn LLP by \$200,000 to an amount not to exceed \$300,000
- Current contract started in August 2020

Thompson
Coburn LLP

Experts in energy law

- Represent a number of California power entities
- Detailed understanding of California and federal energy market
- Several highly experienced attorneys

Areas of Assistance

Complex energy requirements

- Contractual and market issues related to electric transmission and generation resources
- Compliance with North American Electric Reliability Corporation or NERC energy regulatory reliability standards
- Interconnection issues
- Risk management
- Regional transmission planning

Board Options

- **Option #1**

Authorize an increase in the maximum amount payable under contract with Thompson Coburn LLP for legal advice on state and federal energy regulatory and contractual matters by \$200,000 to a maximum amount payable of \$300,000.

- **Option #2**

Do not authorize the contract increase.

Staff Recommendation

- Option #1

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