



## Legal & Claims Committee

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

Item #7-10  
July 8, 2025

## Special Counsel

# Request for Additional Funds

- Increase existing contract with Thompson Coburn LLP by \$300,000 to an amount not to exceed \$600,000
- Current contract started in August 2020

## 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 \$300,000 to a maximum amount payable of \$600,000.
- **Option #2**  
Do not authorize the contract increase.

## Staff Recommend- ation

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