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**Policy for Auditing FERC's Compliance with its Public Website's
Posted Privacy Policy**

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1.0 BACKGROUND

The Federal Information Security Management Act of 2002 (FISMA) (Title III, Pub. L. No. 107-347) requires federal agencies to annually report their security and privacy programs. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provides instructions on complying with the requirements of FISMA. On July 17, 2006, OMB issued a memorandum for heads of executive departments and agencies, M-06-20, “FY 2006 Reporting Instructions for the Federal Information Security Management Act and Agency Privacy Management” requiring each agency to determine continued compliance with its public website’s posted privacy policy.

To that end, FERC will compare its information collection practices on its website with its posted FERC website privacy policy annually to ensure compliance with its stated website privacy policy.

2.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to establish FERC policy and procedures on auditing its compliance with its posted website privacy policy.

3.0 SCOPE

This policy applies to FERC staff, consultants and contractors.

4.0 POLICY

It is FERC policy that:

FERC will audit all FERC sponsored websites annually to ensure that its information collection practices are in compliance with the posted website privacy policy.

5.0 PROCESS

To comply with this policy FERC will identify all information collection points on all FERC sponsored websites. FERC will identify what information is collected, and then will compare these information collection practices with the FERC website privacy policy to ensure that the information collection practices comply with the policy.

6.0 SECURITY CONTROLS

Not applicable.

7.0 COMPLIANCE

FERC will manually audit actual www.ferc.gov information collections to ensure the website’s compliance with the posted website privacy policy. However, in the future FERC may use automated techniques.

8.0 AUTHORITY

This policy is authorized by the Senior Agency Official for Privacy.

9.0 CONTACT

Questions concerning this policy should be addressed to the Privacy Officer, John White, 202-502-8341 or emailed to john.white@ferc.gov.

10.0 EFFECTIVE DATE

This policy is effective upon issuance.

REFERENCES

- 1) Office of Management and Budget (OMB) M-06-20, "FY 2006 Reporting Instructions for the Federal Information Security Management Act and Agency Privacy Management"
- 2) Federal Information Security Management Act of 2002 (FISMA) (Title III, Pub. L. No. 107-347)

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