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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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In Reply Refer To:  
Transmission Planning and Cost Allocation by  
Transmission Owning and Operating Public Utilities  
Docket No. RM10-23-000

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Attention: Andrew W. Tunnel  
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Dear Mr. Tunnel, Ms. Keisling, and Mr. Chisling:

1. On August 17, 2012, you filed on behalf of Southern Company Services, Inc. (acting as agent for Alabama Power Company, Georgia Power Company, Gulf Power Company, and Mississippi Power Company (Southern Companies)); Kentucky Utilities Company (KU) and Louisville Gas and Electric Company (LG&E); and Ohio Valley Electric Corporation (OVEC) (collectively, the Movants) a joint motion requesting a 120-day extension of time, to February 8, 2013, to submit filings to comply with the

requirements of Order Nos. 1000 and 1000-A.<sup>1</sup> The Movants request action on this motion by September 7, 2012. You explain that the requested extension reflects the recent and significant development of the transmission planning entities and owners within the collective footprint to pursue the adoption of a single, greatly expanded regional planning process. You also explain that the extension will permit the jurisdictional and non- public utility transmission providers further opportunity to deliberate on regional planning and cost allocation and potential expansion activities.<sup>2</sup> Further, you state that the additional time will allow for additional stakeholder meetings to give stakeholders more opportunity to review and respond to the resulting compliance proposals. The Movants also commit to provide status updates to Commission staff as the Commission or Commission staff may request.

2. On August 17, 2012, the Commission issued a notice shortening the comment period to and including August 27, 2012. The Sierra Club, the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, and the Sustainable FERC Project (the Public Interest Organizations) jointly filed timely comments to the Movants' joint motion requesting an extension of time.

3. Public Interest Organizations state that they do not object to the extension request, subject to the condition that the Movants file status reports every 60 days until the extended compliance deadline. Public Interest Organizations assert that providing this information in the public docket on a regular basis will help facilitate meaningful stakeholder participation, alert stakeholders to additional potential opportunities for participation, and provide the Commission and state commissions with timely and regular information updates related to both the expansion of the planning region and Order No. 1000 compliance. Further, the Public Interest Organizations assert that their request is reasonable because the Movants already recognize the value of status reports.

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<sup>1</sup> *Transmission Planning and Cost Allocation by Transmission Owning and Operating Public Utilities*, Order No. 1000, 76 Fed. Reg. 49,842 (Aug. 11, 2011), FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,323 (2011), Order No. 1000-A, 77 Fed. Reg. 32,184 (May 31, 2012), 139 FERC ¶ 61,132 (2012).

<sup>2</sup> Movants state that it is contemplated that the expanded transmission planning region would also include significant non-public utility transmission provider and owner participation. Specifically, the non-public utilities that are also considering participating are: Associated Electric Cooperative Inc., Dalton Utilities, Georgia Transmission Corporation, the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia, PowerSouth Energy Cooperative, the South Mississippi Electric Power Association, and the Tennessee Valley Authority (collectively, Non-Public Utilities). The Non-Public Utilities have authorized the Movants to inform the Commission that these non-public utilities support this filing and request for extension of time.

4. We grant the Movants' request for a 120-day extension, until February 8, 2013, to submit their filings in compliance with the requirements of Order Nos. 1000 and 1000-A. Additionally, we find reasonable the Public Interest Organizations' request that the Movants file status reports. These status reports will assist in facilitating stakeholder deliberations and provide information on the progress of the potential expansion of the planning region and Order No. 1000 compliance. Therefore, we require the Movants to file one status update on November 2, 2012, and another status update on January 8, 2013, in informational filings submitted to the Commission in the above-captioned docket.<sup>3</sup>

By direction of the Commission. Commissioner Clark is not participating.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,  
Deputy Secretary.

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<sup>3</sup> Upon receipt, the Commission will not act on or notice these informational filings.