

## Guidelines for Regional State Committees (RSC)

- **Firm Transmission Rights** – the Commission issued Wholesale Power Market Platform White Paper (White Paper) eliminates any requirement that FTRs be auctioned, rather the Commission will look to RSCs to determine how such rights should be allocated to current customers based on current uses of the grid. (White Paper at 5)
- **Allocating Costs of New Transmission** – the White Paper looks to the RSCs, jointly with the RTO/ISO, to determine the appropriate regional approach for allocating the costs of new transmission. (White Paper at 6)
- **Regional Pricing Policy** – the White Paper notes the RTO/ISO will file a regional pricing policy, which may be informed by the appropriate RSCs. (White Paper at 8)
- **Market Monitoring** – in the event the market monitor thinks the markets are not resulting in just and reasonable prices or providing appropriate incentives, the market monitor would notify the Commission, the RSC, and other appropriate state regulatory authorities and propose recommended solutions. (White Paper Appendix at 12)
- **Access Charge** – the White Paper states that RSCs may agree on the form of access charge that will be filed by the RTO or ISO under section 205 of the FPA which means the committee will decide whether to propose to a uniform rate (e.g., postage stamp) or to a locational rate (e.g., license plate). (White Paper at 8) If the RSC is unable to reach a decision on the methodology that should be used, the RTO/ISO would file its own proposal. (White Paper Appendix at 5)
- **Transmission Siting** – facilitating the siting of regional transmission expansions enable states to work together to identify beneficiaries of expansion projects and make recommendations on pricing proposals. The Commission would look favorably on pricing proposals by RSCs provided they are consistent with the Federal Power Act. (SMD at 116, 155)
- **Resource Adequacy** – Independent Transmission Providers are required to provide a forum and assistance to RSCs to establish the appropriate level of resource adequacy in the region. (SMD at 273) The White Paper clarifies the states retain responsibility and jurisdiction setting the minimum level of resource adequacy for each state and will include this provision in its final order. (White Paper at 5)
- **Communications** – RSCs should have direct contact with the board of the Independent Transmission Provider and the RSC should be designed to provide the board, market participants, and the Commission with a consensus view from the states in the area. (SMD at 300)
- **Miscellaneous** – State representatives through RSCs will play an active role in regional decisions concerning rate designs, revenue rights, implementation of the Standard Market Design tariff, as well as other important issues. (SMD at 267)