

**FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON DC 20426**

Office of External Affairs

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Dear Chairmen and State Commissioners:

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission will convene a conference call with the State - Federal Northeast Panel on January 9, 2002, at 10 am Eastern Standard Time (EST). The purpose of the call is to discuss the questionnaire we sent out last week regarding regional transmission organizations (RTOs) in the Northeast. The call is scheduled to last until noon EST. In order to facilitate discussion, it will be more efficient if commissioners from one state call in on one telephone line. Any Northeast commissioner may participate on the State-Federal Northeast Regional Panel. The conference call will be transcribed and the transcription will be placed in appropriate pending dockets pursuant to the Commission's Order issued November 9, 2001, in Docket No. RTO2-2-000.

Thank you very much for your participation. The Chairman and Commissioners look forward to hearing from you on January 9.

Best regards,

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FERC Commissioners