

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Before Commissioners: Joseph T. Kelliher, Chairman;
Nora Mead Brownell, and Suedeen G. Kelly.

Reliant Energy Wholesale Generation

Docket Nos. ER05-1418-000
ER05-1418-001

ORDER APPROVING UNCONTESTED SETTLEMENT

(Issued July 20, 2006)

1. On May 31, 2006, Reliant Energy Wholesale Generation, LLC (REWG), on behalf of itself and Nevada Power Company (NPC), filed an offer of settlement to resolve all matters set for hearing in the above-captioned dockets.
2. On August 31, 2005, REWG filed with the Commission its proposed Rate Schedule FERC No. 6 to specify its revenue requirement for providing Reactive Supply Service from its Bighorn generating facility, which is located 35 miles south of Las Vegas, Nevada, in NPC's control area. By order issued October 31, 2005, the Commission accepted REWG's tariff for filing, suspended the proposed rates for a nominal period to become effective November 1, 2005, subject to refund and established hearing and settlement judge procedures.¹ The subject settlement is a result of those procedures and reduces REWG's initially filed charges for Reactive Supply Service from Bighorn.
3. Initial Comments in support of the settlement were filed by the Commission's Trial Staff on June 19, 2006. No other comments were filed, and on June 26, 2006, the settlement was certified to the Commission as uncontested.²
4. The subject settlement is in the public interest and is hereby approved. The tariff sheets contained in the settlement are in compliance with Order No. 614 and are made effective, as noted in the settlement. *See Designation of Electric Rate*

¹ *Reliant Energy Wholesale Generation, LLC*, 113 FERC ¶ 61,105 (2005).

² *Reliant Energy Wholesale Generation, LLC*, 115 FERC ¶ 63,080 (2006).

Schedule Sheets, Order No. 614, 65 Fed. Reg. 18,221 (FERC Statutes and Regulations, Regulations Preambles July 1996 – December 2000 ¶ 31,096 (2000)). The Commission's approval of this settlement does not constitute approval of, or precedent regarding, any principle or issue in this proceeding. The Commission retains the right to investigate the rates, terms and conditions under the just and reasonable and not unduly discriminatory or preferential standard of section 206 of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. § 824(e) (2000).

5. Within thirty days from the date of this order, any amounts collected in excess of the settlement rates shall be refunded together with interest computed under section 13.19a of the Commission's regulations, 18 C.F.R. § 35.19a (2006). Within fifteen days after making such refunds, REWG shall file with the Commission a compliance refund report showing monthly billing determinants, revenue receipt dates, revenues under the present and settlement rates, the monthly revenue refund, and the monthly interest computed, together with a summary of such information for the total refund period. REWG shall furnish copies of the report to the affected customers and to each state commission within whose jurisdiction the affected wholesale customers distribute and sell electric energy at retail.

6. A new sub-docket will be assigned in Docket No. ER05-1418 upon receipt of the required refund report.

By the Commission.

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Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.