

January 2014 Meeting Summaries

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E-3, Press Release

FERC accepts an informational filing

E-1, *ISO New England, Inc.*, Docket No. ER14-329-000. This order accepts ISO New England Inc.'s informational filing reporting on the qualification of capacity resources to participate in the eighth Forward Capacity Auction for the 2017-2018 Capacity Commitment Period. The order finds that the informational filing complies with the tariff's requirements.

FERC approves a final rule

E-2, *Frequency Response and Frequency Bias Setting Reliability Standard*, Docket No. RM13-11-000. This final rule approves Reliability Standard BAL-003-1 (Frequency Response and Frequency Bias Setting) submitted by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation. The Reliability Standard defines the amount of frequency response needed from balancing authorities to maintain interconnection frequency within defined bounds and includes requirements for the measurement and provision of frequency response. Also, Reliability Standard BAL-003-1 establishes a minimum Frequency Response Obligation for each balancing authority, provides a uniform calculation of frequency response, establishes Frequency Bias Settings that set values closer to actual balancing authority frequency response, and encourages coordinated automatic generation control operation.

FERC approves a reliability standard

E-4, *North American Electric Reliability Corporation*, Docket No. RD13-12-000. The letter order approves regional Reliability Standard BAL-001-TRE-01 (Primary Frequency

Response in the ERCOT Region) submitted by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation and the Texas Reliability Entity.

FERC grants request for clarification

E-5, *Ohio Power Co.*, Docket No. EC13-26-001. This order grants Industrial Energy Users-Ohio's request for clarification that the Commission's April 29, 2013 order approving a transaction to transfer Ohio Power's generation assets to AEP Generation Resources, Inc. at net book value was not intended to, and does not, preempt ongoing Ohio state proceedings.

FERC clarifies a ruling, denies rehearing

E-9, *Rail Splitter Wind Farm, LLC v. Ameren Servs. Co.*, Docket No. EL12-11-001. This order denies Rail Splitter's request for rehearing of the Commission's January 17, 2013 order which denied Rail Splitter's complaint. The order also grants clarification that the Commission's statement in the January 17 Order that the *Mobile-Sierra* presumption does not apply to the underlying Facilities Service Agreement was not necessary to the Commission's denial of Rail Splitter's complaint.

FERC rejects a proposal

G-1, *Portland Natural Gas Transmission System*, Docket No. RP13-874-001. The order rejects the pipeline's proposal to restructure its creditworthiness provisions in response to the Commission's May 31, 2013 order. The order finds the pipeline has not justified its proposal to use one Net Present Value calculation for contract comparisons and a new, different Net Present Value calculation for creditworthiness tests. The order also finds that the pipeline has not justified using a Net Present Value calculation to determine the value of a third-party financial guarantee.

FERC approves abandonment

C-1, *Dominion Transmission, Inc. and Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC*, Docket No. CP13-545-000. The order authorizes Tennessee to abandon capacity it leases on Dominion's system between Ellisburg and Leidy, Pennsylvania, which Dominion created for Tennessee. The order also grants Dominion authorization to reacquire the subject capacity.