

# November 2014 Meeting Summaries

These are summaries of orders voted by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at its November 20, 2014 public meeting. The summaries are produced by FERC's Office of External Affairs and are intended to provide only a general synopsis of the orders. These summaries are not intended as a substitute for the Commission's official orders. To determine the specific actions and the Commission's reasoning, please consult the individual orders when they are posted to FERC's eLibrary found at [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov).

**E-2, Press Release**

**E-4, Press Release**

**E-10, Press Release**

**G-1, Press Release**

## **FERC authorizes an acquisition**

**E-1, *Exelon Corporation and Pepco Holdings, Inc.***, Docket No. EC14-96-000. This order authorizes a merger and disposition of assets by which Exelon Corporation would acquire Pepco Holdings, Inc. The order authorizes the proposed merger and disposition under section 203 of the Federal Power Act as consistent with the public interest.

## **FERC advises EPA on utility's request for more time to comply with standards**

**E-3, *Kansas City Board of Public Utilities***, Docket No. AD14-16-000. FERC's comments to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) address Kansas City Board of Public Utilities' (BPU) request that seeks an EPA administrative order addressing BPU's compliance with the EPA's Mercury and Air Toxics Standards (MATS). In May 2012, the Commission issued a policy statement explaining how it would advise EPA on requests for administrative orders concerning the MATS rule. The Commission's comments state that, unless BPU is able to procure replacement energy for the unit, the continued operation of BPU's Nearman 1 power plant for the additional six months requested by BPU would keep BPU from falling below its 12 percent capacity reserve requirement and help maintain Bulk-Power System reliability.

## **FERC proposes a rule**

**E-6, *Real Power Balancing Control Performance Reliability Standard***, Docket No. RM14-10-000. This Notice of Proposed Rulemaking proposes to approve Reliability Standard BAL-001-2 (Real Power Balancing Control Performance). The proposed reliability standard is designed to ensure that applicable entities maintain system frequency within narrow bounds around a scheduled value.

## **FERC accepts a filing**

**E-7, *Sunbury Generation LP***, Docket No. ER14-2936-000. This order accepts Sunbury's Notice of Cancellation of its rate schedule for Reactive Supply and Voltage Control from Generation Sources Services (Reactive Service). The order accepts an effective date of July 18, 2014, as requested, to coincide with the deactivation date of Sunbury's coal-fired generating units located in the PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. (PJM) control area and directs Sunbury to repay PJM any payments, with interest, that Sunbury received for providing Reactive Service after July 18, 2014.

## **FERC rejects a tariff proposal**

**E-8, *California Independent System Operator Corporation***, Docket No. ER14-2963-000. This order rejects a proposal by CAISO to eliminate an existing tariff provision that requires an annual independent review of CAISO management's compliance with operating policies and procedures.

## **FERC grants a waiver request**

**E-9, *FPL Energy Oklahoma Wind, LLC***, Docket No. OA14-3-000. This order grants Oklahoma Wind's request for waiver of the Commission's requirements to file an Open Access Transmission Tariff, establish and maintain an Open Access Same-Time Information System, and comply with the Standards of Conduct. The order finds a waiver is warranted because the applicant's facilities are limited and discrete and do not form an integrated transmission system.

## **FERC issues a directive**

**E-11, *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.***, Docket No. EL15-15-000. In accordance with Section 206 of the Federal Power Act, the order directs PJM, within 30 days, to either (1) propose revisions to its Open Access Transmission Tariff to provide that a generation (or non-generation) resource owner will no longer receive reactive power capability payments after it has deactivated its unit, and to clarify the treatment of reactive power capability payments for units transferred out of a fleet; or (2) show cause why it should not be required to do so. If resource owners continued to receive reactive power

payments when their units were no longer capable of providing reactive power, the order notes that such concerns have been referred to the Office of Enforcement for further examination.

### **FERC approves a final rule**

**G-2**, *Natural Gas Act Pipeline Maps*, Docket No. RM14-21-000. This final rule will modify the regulations for natural gas pipeline maps by eliminating the requirement that pipelines file their system maps as records in eTariff, but retaining the requirement that pipelines post their system maps on their corporate websites. The final rule also replaces the April 30 annual deadline for filing map updates with a new quarterly deadline.

### **FERC denies rehearing; accepts compliance filing, subject to conditions**

**G-3**, *Texas Eastern Transmission, LP*, Docket Nos. RP12-318-003 and RP12-318-005. This order denies the requests of Texas Eastern and the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America for rehearing of the Commission's September 2012 order that required Texas Eastern to revise its tariff to comply with the Commission's reservation charge crediting policy. The order also accepts Texas Eastern's filing to comply with the September 2012 Order, subject to conditions.

### **FERC denies rehearing**

**G-4**, *Dominion Transmission, Inc.*, Docket No. RP13- 431-003. This order denies Indicated Shippers' request for rehearing of the Commission's February 20, 2014 order regarding section 35.2 of the General Terms and Conditions of Dominion's tariff that involves a reservation charge crediting mechanism for firm storage service. This order reaffirms that section 35.2 requires Dominion to credit to the storage customer the proportionate amount of Storage Demand and Storage Capacity Charges paid prior to the end of the summer season in addition to prospective charges for the remainder of the Storage Year.

### **FERC affirms an Initial Decision, denies rehearing**

**G-5**, *BP Pipelines (Alaska) Inc., ConocoPhillips Transportation Alaska, Inc., and ExxonMobil Pipeline Company*, Docket Nos. OR14-6-000 and OR14-6-001. This order affirms the administrative law judge's May 8, 2014 Initial Decision that found that the parties challenging the justness and reasonableness of the existing Trans Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS) Quality Bank (QB) methodology for valuing the so-called "Resid cut" failed to meet their burden of proof. The order also denies rehearing of the Commission's November 8, 2013 order dismissing complaints filed against the TAPS QB methodology for valuing Resid, finding that the complaints were untimely under the Motor Carrier Safety Reauthorization Act of 2005.

## **FERC terminates exemption**

**H-1, *Hydraco Power, Inc.***, Project No. 12588-010. The order terminates, by implied surrender, the exemption for the 150-kilowatt A.H. Smith Dam Project No. 12588, located on the San Marcos River in Caldwell County, Texas. The order finds that Hydraco's long-term failure to restore the project to operable condition (more than eight years) and its financial inability to carry out the exemption terms warrant a finding that it is Hydraco's intent to abandon the project.

## **FERC denies rehearing**

**H-3, *Richard A. Glover, Jr.***, Project No. 13997-002. The order denies Richard A. Glover, Jr.'s request for rehearing of Commission staff's June 24, 2014 order denying his application for an extension of his preliminary permit for the East Branch Dam Hydroelectric Project No. 13997, proposed to be located on the East Branch of the Clarion River in Elk County, Pennsylvania. The order finds that Mr. Glover did not pursue project development in good faith and with reasonable diligence during the permit term.

## **FERC dismisses request for reconsideration; rejects rehearing**

**H-4, *Appalachian Power Company***, Project No. 2210-248. The order dismisses the third request for reconsideration and rejects the fourth request for rehearing by manufacturers of "automatic boat covers." These companies object to the Commission's approval of a hydroelectric licensee's Shoreline Management Plan that defines regulated "structures" to include "automatic boat covers." The order finds that the companies misinterpret the Federal Power Act to guarantee multiple opportunities for rehearing.

## **FERC denies rehearing**

**C-1, *Revisions to Auxiliary Installations, Replacement Facilities, and Siting and Maintenance Regulations***, Docket No. RM12-11-002. The order denies requests submitted by the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America (INGAA) and National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation and Empire Pipeline, Inc. (National Fuel) for rehearing of the final rule's determination that all auxiliary installations must be located within the authorized right-of-way or site for the existing or proposed facilities and use only the same temporary work space used to construct the existing or proposed facilities. The order also grants and denies INGAA's and National Fuel's requests for clarification of the final rule's landowner notice requirements.