

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20426

OFFICE OF ENERGY MARKET REGULATION

In Reply Refer To:
NewPage Energy Services, LLC,
Consolidated Water Power Company,
and Escanaba Paper Company
Docket Nos. ER15-1000-001,
ER15-1003-000,
ER15-1005-001, and
ER15-1007-001

June 1, 2015

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Reference: Requests for Category 1 Status

Dear Mr. Fallon:

On February 6, 2015, as amended on March 2, 2015, you filed on behalf of NewPage Energy Services, Consolidated Water Power Company, and Escanaba Paper Company (collectively, the NewPage Companies) requests for Category 1 status representing that the NewPage Companies meet the criteria for Category 1 status in the Northeast region. You represent that in the Northeast region, the NewPage Companies and their affiliates own or control less than 500 megawatts of generation; do not own, operate, or control transmission facilities; are not affiliated with a franchised public utility; and do not raise any other vertical market power concerns.

You request an effective date of April 7, 2015. The NewPage Companies have not demonstrated good cause to justify waiver of the prior notice requirement for an effective date of April 7, 2015.¹ Therefore, consistent with Section 205 of the Federal Power Act and 18 C.F.R. § 35.3, these requests for Category 1 status will be effective April 8, 2015,

¹ 18 C.F.R. § 35.15 (2014).

60 days notice from the date of filing.

Your filings were noticed on February 6, 2015, and March 3, 2015, with comments, protests or interventions due on or before February 27, 2015, and March 23, 2015, respectively. None was filed.

Pursuant to the authority delegated to the Director, Division of Electric Power Regulation - West, under 18 C.F.R. § 375.307, your submittals filed in the referenced dockets are accepted for filing, effective April 8, 2015.² Based on your representations, the NewPage Companies meet the criteria for Category 1 sellers in the Northeast region and are so designated.³

This action does not constitute approval of any service, rate, charge, classification, or any rule, regulation, or practice affecting such rate or service provided for in the filed documents; nor shall such action be deemed as recognition of any claimed contractual right or obligation affecting or relating to such service or rate; and such acceptance is without prejudice to any findings or orders which have been or may hereafter be made by the Commission in any proceeding now pending or hereafter instituted by or against any of the applicants.

² The next time each NewPage Company makes a market-based rate filing with the Commission it must revise the ancillary services section of its market-based rate tariff to reflect MISO's correct name, "Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc." See *Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.*, 144 FERC ¶ 61,129 (2013). See also, *ORNI 47 LLC*, 145 FERC ¶ 61,127 (2013).

³ Order No. 697, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,252 at PP 848-50. Each NewPage Company must file an updated market power analysis for each region in which it is designated as a Category 2 seller in compliance with the regional reporting schedule adopted in Order No. 697.

This order constitutes final agency action. Requests for rehearing by the Commission may be filed within 30 days of the date of issuance of this order, pursuant to 18 C.F.R § 385.713.

Questions regarding the above order should be directed to:

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Sincerely,

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