



Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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Staff Presentation

Item E-3

"Agenda item E-3 is a draft Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that proposes to amend the Commission's regulations to require the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) to provide the Commission, and Commission staff, with access, on a non-public and ongoing basis, to certain databases compiled and maintained by NERC. The Commission's proposal applies to the following NERC databases: (1) the Transmission Availability Data System, (2) the Generating Availability Data System, and (3) the protection system misoperations database. The draft Notice of Proposed Rulemaking states that access to these databases, which will be limited to data regarding U.S. facilities, will provide the Commission with information necessary to determine the need for new or modified Reliability Standards and to better understand NERC's periodic reliability and adequacy assessments. In particular, the proposed access would inform the Commission more quickly, directly and comprehensively about reliability trends or reliability gaps that might require the Commission to direct NERC to develop new or modified Reliability Standards. In addition, the proposed access to underlying data will assist the Commission in its understanding of NERC's periodic reports, thereby helping the Commission to monitor causes of outages and detect emerging reliability issues. The proposal would not require NERC to collect new information, compile information into any kind of report, or reformulate the raw data. Comments on the draft Notice of Proposed Rulemaking are due 60 days after its publication in the Federal Register.

"This concludes our presentation. We are happy to take any questions you may have."