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Commission Meeting Summaries

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E-2 & E-3 - Press Release

FERC accepts tariff revisions

E-1, *California Independent System Operator Corp.* Docket Nos. ER18-1-000 and ER18-1-001. This order accepts CAISO's proposed tariff revisions intended to enhance its rules related to resource adequacy. The order accepts CAISO's proposal to allow resources in a local capacity area to provide substitute capacity based on how that capacity is reflected on resource adequacy plans. The order also accepts CAISO's proposal to cap a load serving entity's monthly local capacity requirement at its monthly system level requirement. In addition, the order accepts CAISO's other proposed revisions, including its proposed revisions to its outage evaluation process.

FERC accepts certain filings for informational purposes only

E-4, *Logan Generating Company, L.P. and Chambers Cogeneration, Limited Partnership* Docket Nos. ER16-2217-000 and ER17-2515-001. The order accepts, for informational purposes only, filings submitted by Logan Generating Company and Chambers Cogeneration, Limited Partnership to notify the Commission of a proposed change in upstream ownership of these two facilities that provide reactive power in PJM. The order also grants waiver of the 90-day prior-notice deadline in the PJM Tariff.

FERC denies a waiver request

E-5, *Bear Swamp Power Company LLC*, Docket No. ER17-603-000. This order denies Bear Swamp's request that the Commission waive the requirement that Bear Swamp include the assets of certain affiliates in its market-based rate filings. The order directs

Bear Swamp to submit a compliance filing properly accounting for its affiliates' assets and instructs Bear Swamp to amend any pending filings where it has not properly accounted for such assets.

FERC accepts a compliance filing

E-6, *California Independent System Operator Corp.*, Docket Nos. ER17-1459-000, *et al.* This order accepts CAISO's April 21, 2017 compliance filing, submitted in response to the September 21, 2006 Commission order on CAISO's market redesign and technology upgrade (MRTU) proposal, addressing six outstanding directives. The order finds that CAISO has either complied with the outstanding directives in the September 2006 MRTU order, or has provided information demonstrating circumstances have changed such that further revisions are not necessary.

FERC grants a waiver request

E-7, *Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.*, Docket No. ER17-2113-000. This order grants a waiver request from MISO. On March 31, 2017, MISO experienced connectivity issues that could have affected the ability of market participants to modify or submit offers into the 2017/18 Planning Reserve Auction. In order to provide market participants with the opportunity to modify or submit offers, MISO extended the Auction deadline beyond the time required under its Tariff. MISO requested waiver of the relevant Tariff provisions.

FERC denies rehearing

E-8, *South Carolina Electric & Gas Company*, Docket No. ER16-2493-002. This order denies rehearing of a Commission order that rejected a modified interchange agreement on the grounds that it was a pre-Order No. 888 agreement, and Commission policy requires that, if such an agreement is modified, the modified service must be taken in accordance with the rates, terms, and conditions of an open access transmission tariff.

FERC denies rehearing and grants clarification

E-9, *Ameren Illinois Company*, Docket No. EL16-1169-001. The order denies rehearing and grants clarification of the Commission's September 22, 2016 order denying a formal challenge to certain inputs to Ameren Illinois' formula rate.

FERC denies request for clarification

E-10, *Entergy Louisiana, LLC*, Docket No. ER16-1251-003. The order denies the Louisiana Public Service Commission's request for clarification of a January 2017 Commission order, stating that the Commission has explained that issues concerning the

application of returns on equity under Entergy's Unit Power Sales and Designated Power Purchases Tariff are pending in Docket No. ER13-1508-001, *et al.*

FERC grants a request to make certain price corrections

E-11, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*, Docket No. ER17-2495-000. The order grants SPP's request to make certain price corrections and resettlements for the period from December 1, 2016 to December 14, 2016.

FERC approves an uncontested partial settlement

E-12, *Entergy Arkansas, Inc., et al.*, Docket No. ER17-2579-000, *et al.* This order approves an uncontested partial settlement related to adjustments to three items in the Entergy Operating Companies' MISO Tariff Attachment O transmission formula rate templates: (1) excess accumulated deferred income taxes; (2) certain permanent differences in income taxes; and (3) the Entergy Operating Companies' post-retirement benefit costs other than pensions for calendar years 2014 and 2015.

FERC grants a request to interconnect with a proposed wind generation project

E-13, *Wheatridge Wind Energy, LLC*, Docket No. TX17-1-000. This order grants Wheatridge's request for an order under sections 210, 211, and 212 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), directing Umatilla Electric Cooperative (Umatilla) to interconnect with Wheatridge's proposed wind generation project and to provide transmission service to Bonneville Power Administration. The order rejects Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative's argument that the order is barred under section 212(g) of the FPA, which prohibits the Commission from issuing an order that is inconsistent with any state law governing the retail marketing areas of electric utilities. The order finds that section 212(g) is not implicated in this case because the application concerns a request for interconnection and transmission from Umatilla solely to facilitate wholesale sales of energy in interstate commerce, which is exclusively within the Commission's jurisdiction.

FERC approves a contested settlement

E-14, *Virginia Electric and Power Company*, Docket Nos. EL16-89-000, *et al.* The order approves a contested settlement addressing VEPCO's fleet-wide reactive service revenue requirement. The order finds the PJM Interconnect Independent Market Monitor's objections to, or requests for changes in, the settlement to be either beyond the scope of the proceeding or unnecessary.

FERC approves an uncontested settlement

E-17, *West Deptford Energy, LLC*, Docket Nos. EL16-100-000 and ER14-1193-003. This order approves an uncontested settlement in a reactive power proceeding.

FERC establishes hearing and settlement judge procedures

E-18, *Calpine Bethlehem, LLC, et al.*, Docket Nos. ER14-874-001, *et al.* The order addresses an informational filing that affiliates of Calpine Corp. (Applicants) were required to make, in accordance with a PJM Tariff provision, that obligates the providers of reactive service, in the case of a corporate transfer (a transaction that remains pending in a related Federal Power Act section 203 proceeding), to either (a) submit a filing to either terminate or adjust the applicant's cost-based rate schedule to account for its deactivated or transferred unit; or (b) submit an informational filing explaining the basis for its decision not to terminate or revise its cost-based Reactive Service rate schedule. Applicants chose the latter option. The order finds that, based on the information contained in the filing, the reactive service rates at issue may be unjust and unreasonable. Accordingly, the order establishes hearing and settlement judge procedures and establishes a refund effective date.

FERC accepts tariff revisions, denies rehearing

E-19, *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*, Docket No. ER17-1236-000. This order accepts tariff revisions to incorporate cost responsibility assignments for new baseline upgrades included in the update to the Regional Transmission Expansion Plan approved by the PJM Board of Managers on February 15, 2017. The proposed tariff revisions originally were accepted for filing and suspended for a nominal period, subject to a further order, by a delegated staff letter order issued during the period the Commission lacked a quorum. This order also denies rehearing of that staff delegated letter order.

FERC approves an uncontested settlement

E-20, *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*, Docket No. ER17-419-000. This order approves an uncontested settlement submitted by PJM on behalf of Transource Pennsylvania, LLC and Transource Maryland, LLC, establishing the base return on common equity to be used in calculating charges under each company's formula rates.

FERC accepts proposed tariff revisions

E-21, *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*, Docket Nos. ER16-2401-000 and EL16-96-000. This order addresses PJM's response to a July 2016 show cause order and finds that the PJM Operating Agreement is unjust and unreasonable due to inconsistencies related to planning for transmission needs driven solely by individual transmission owner Form No. 715 local planning criteria and related to the definition of Immediate-Need Reliability

Projects. The order accepts PJM's proposed tariff revisions to remedy the inconsistencies.

FERC denies rehearing

E-22, *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*, Docket Nos. ER15-623-010, *et al.* The order denies rehearing of the Commission's May 2016 order on compliance regarding PJM's Capacity Performance Resource protocols.

FERC denies rehearing

E-23, *GridLiance West Transco LLC*, Docket No. EC17-49-001. The order denies GridLiance West's request for rehearing of the Commission's August 17, 2017 order that authorized, under section 203 of the Federal Power Act, the acquisition by GridLiance West of certain transmission facilities from Valley Electric Transmission Association, LLC. The order denies rehearing of the Commission's directive requiring GridLiance West to account for its acquisition of certain transmission facilities in accordance with Electric Plant Instruction No. 5.

FERC denies rehearing

E-24, *Belmont Municipal Light Dept., et al. v. Central Maine Power Company, et al.*, Docket No. EL16-64-001. This order denies requests for rehearing of the Commission's September 20, 2016 order that established hearing and settlement judge procedures and a refund effective date for a complaint filed by the Eastern Massachusetts Consumers-Owned Systems. That complaint contended that the New England Transmission Owners' base return on equity (ROE) and the cap on ROE incentives have become unjust and unreasonable.

FERC denies rehearing

E-25, *Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative Inc.*, Docket No. EL16-107-001. The order denies rehearing of the Commission's November 17, 2016 order that dismissed Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative's request for a declaratory order that Maryland's Community Solar Systems pilot program violated the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978. The order denies rehearing, affirming the November 2016 order's conclusion that the Cooperatives' petition was premature and thus was properly dismissed.

FERC sets for hearing a proposal for market-based oil pipeline rates

G-1, *Wood River Pipe Lines LLC*, Docket No. OR17-11-000. This order sets for hearing Wood River Pipe Lines' application for authorization to charge market-based rates for

transportation of refined petroleum products on its pipeline systems with respect to origin and destination markets in the Midwest.

FERC accepts tariff filings, denies rehearing

G-2, *Leveret Pipeline Company LLC*, Docket No. IS17-498-000, *et al.* This order accepts various tariffs that had become effective in accordance with a July 12, 2017 delegated order issued during the no-quorum period (subject to further order of the Commission). The order accepts Leveret's and Mid-America's proposed tariffs, effective on the filings' respective proposed effective dates, and denies requests for rehearing of the delegated order.

FERC approves a filing

G-3, *Equitrans, LP*, Docket No. RP17-944-000. The order approves Equitrans' filing to update the storage ratchets and the minimum gas storage balances for its Allegheny Valley Connector storage facilities.

FERC denies application for temporary amendment to a hydro license

H-1, *FirstLight Hydro Generating Company*, Project No. 2485-076. The order denies FirstLight's request for a temporary amendment to the minimum and maximum upper reservoir elevation limits of its license for the Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Project because the proposed amendment raises Endangered Species Act issues that cannot be resolved in time to permit the requested action.

FERC denies rehearing

H-2, *Public Utility District No. 1 of Okanogan County, Washington*, Project No. 12569-015. The order denies Conservation Groups' request for rehearing of the Commission's September 20, 2017 order granting Okanogan PUD a two-year stay of the commencement and completion of construction deadlines in Article 301 of the license for the Enloe Hydroelectric Project.

FERC authorizes an interstate natural gas pipeline project

C-1, *Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC*, Docket No. CP17-58-000. The order issues a certificate of public convenience and necessity to Transco to construct and operate its St. James Supply Project. The project will consist of 0.72 miles of 20-inch-diameter pipeline, two new meter and regulating stations, and piping and valve modifications to existing compressor stations to allow for the bi-directional flow of gas. The project will enable Transco to provide 161,500 dekatherms per day of incremental

firm transportation service to a new methanol manufacturing plant in St. James Parish, Louisiana.

FERC vacates a limited jurisdiction certificate

C-2, *EQT Gathering LLC*, Docket No. CP13-520-000. This order grants EQT Gathering's request to vacate the limited jurisdiction certificate of public convenience and necessity issued to it to provide limited, ancillary jurisdictional compression service at its contemplated non-jurisdictional Derry Compressor Station in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania.