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Commission Meeting Summaries

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E-1 - Press Release

E-2 - Press Release

FERC accepts and suspends a transmission interconnection agreement, establishes hearing and settlement judge procedures

E-3, *Pacific Gas and Electric Company*, Docket Nos. ER17-2536-000 and ER17-2536-001. This order accepts for filing and suspends PG&E's transmission system Interconnection Agreement with the Port of Oakland, California, to become effective, subject to refund, as of the first day of the month after certain California Independent System Operator Corporation certifications to accommodate the changes to metering arrangements are completed. This order also establishes hearing and settlement judge procedures.

FERC accepts a filing in part, proposes tariff revisions

E-4, *Monongahela Power Company*, Docket Nos. EL16-71-000 and ER17-179-000. The order accepts in part the transmission planning process proposed in the PJM Transmission Owners' Federal Power Act (FPA) section 205 filing. The order revises, in accordance with FPA section 206, both the PJM Transmission Owners' section 205 filing as well as the existing transmission planning process in order to make the transmission planning process for Supplemental Projects just and reasonable.

FERC denies rehearing

E-5, *GridLiance West Transco LLC*, Docket No. ER17-706-001. The order denies GridLiance West's request for rehearing of the Commission's August 17, 2017 order that grants GridLiance West's request for approval of certain incentive rate treatments for

facilities it sought to acquire from Valley Electric Transmission Association, LLC, and that sets for hearing and settlement judge procedures its proposed transmission formula rate template, including its request to utilize in its formula rate a capital structure of 60 percent equity and 40 percent debt.

FERC accepts a filing

E-6, *Uniper Global Commodities North America LLC*, Docket No. ER16-262-001.

The order accepts Uniper's notice of change in status, as revised, finding that the reported change in upstream ownership does not result in a change in affiliation. The order directs Uniper to submit an updated market-based rate tariff to reflect its Category 2 seller status in the Northeast region in a compliance filing.

FERC accepts a filing

E-7, *Deseret Generation and Transmission Cooperative, Inc.*, Docket No. ER16-2186-000. This order accepts Deseret's triennial updated market power analysis for the Northwest Region.

FERC grants a limited waiver

E-8, *Public Service Company of New Hampshire*, Docket No. ER18-465-000. This order grants PSNH's request for a limited waiver of the timing requirements of Section III.13.4.2.1.3(a) of ISO New England Inc.'s Transmission, Markets and Services Tariff (ISO-NE Tariff). The waiver would allow acceptance of PSNH's Restoration Plan for its Lost Nation generating unit that was submitted one business day after the submission deadline established under the ISO-NE Tariff.

FERC accepts a settlement agreement

E-9, *Public Service Company of Colorado*, Docket No. ER18-164-000. This letter order accepts an agreement between Public Service Company of Colorado and Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. that resolves two billing disputes for service under the Xcel Energy Operating Companies Open Access Transmission Tariff.

FERC accepts tariff revisions, subject to condition

E-10, *Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.*, Docket No. ER17-156-002. This order accepts, subject to condition, MISO's proposed revisions to its Generator Interconnection Procedures and its *pro forma* Generator Interconnection Agreement, made in compliance with the Commission's January 3, 2017 order in this proceeding. In addition, the order directs MISO to submit a further compliance filing within 30 days of the issuance of this order.

FERC conditionally accepts a filing

E-11, *New York Independent System Operator, Inc.*, Docket No. ER13-102-009, *et al.* This order conditionally accepts NYISO's fifth and sixth filings to revise its operating agreement, its open access transmission tariff, and its services tariff made to comply with Order No. 1000.

FERC grants, in part, and denies, in part, requests for rehearing and clarification

E-12, *New York Independent System Operator, Inc.*, Docket No. ER15-2059-002 and ER13-102-008. This order grants, in part, and denies, in part, requests for rehearing and clarification filed by NYISO and the New York Transmission Owners of two Commission orders issued on December 23, 2015 concerning NYISO's Order No. 1000 Comprehensive System Planning Process. The order also requires a further compliance filing.

FERC approves acquisition of transmission assets

E-13, *Michigan Electric Transmission Company, LLC*, Docket No. EC18-21-000. This order approves Michigan Electric's application under section 203 of the Federal Power Act seeking authorization to acquire transmission assets from the City of Holland Board of Public Works.

FERC grants a complaint, establishes hearing and settlement judge procedures

E-14, *Piedmont Municipal Power Agency v. Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC*, Docket No. EL17-83-000. The order grants the complaint and sets the service agreement at issue in this proceeding for hearing and settlement judge procedures. The order directs Duke Energy Carolinas (DEC) to refund, with interest, all amounts charged to and collected from Piedmont to amortize deferred costs beginning on the date DEC first collected such charges under the service agreement. The order also establishes hearing and settlement judge procedures in order to determine which accounts are properly included in the service agreement's formula rate.

FERC declines to initiate enforcement actions

E-15, *Franklin Energy Storage One, LLC, Franklin Energy Storage Two, LLC, Franklin Energy Storage Three, LLC, and Franklin Energy Storage Four, LLC*, Docket Nos. EL18-50-000, QF17-581-001, QF17-582-001, QF17-583-002, and QF17-584-001. This Notice of Intent Not to Act declines to initiate an enforcement action against the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (Idaho Commission). Franklin Energy claims that the Idaho Commission violated Commission regulations in classifying Franklin Energy's four

battery storage facilities as solar qualifying facilities, which in turn prevents the facilities from being eligible for the Idaho Commission's published avoided cost rate with a minimum 20-year contract term, and instead leaves them eligible only for a negotiated avoided cost rate with a minimum 2-year contract term.

FERC grants a request for declaratory order

G-1, *Permian Express Terminal LLC and Permian Express Partners LLC*, Docket No. OR18-2-000. The order grants a petition for a declaratory order filed by Permian Express Terminal and Permian Express Partners requesting approval of the rate structure, terms of service, and pro-rationing methodology for the Permian Express 3 Project to provide additional capacity for the transportation of crude oil from the Midland, Texas area to a destination point in Nederland, Texas.

FERC grants a request for a temporary waiver

G-2, *Chesapeake Energy Marketing, L.L.C., et al.*, Docket No. RP18-354-000. This letter order grants the joint petition of Chesapeake and Territory Resources LLC for a temporary 120-day waiver of the Commission's capacity release regulations and the related tariff provisions of Enable Gas Transmission, LLC and Midcontinent Express Pipeline LLC.

FERC denies request for rehearing

G-3, *Alliance Pipeline, L.P.*, Docket No. RP15-1022-010, *et al.* The order denies Alliance Pipeline's request for rehearing of the Commission's December 15, 2016 order that approved a contested settlement, but severed and remanded gas processing issues for hearing.

FERC proposes to clarify a rule

M-1, *Withdrawal of Pleadings*, Docket No. RM18-7-000. The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR) would revise Rule 216 of section 385 of the Commission's regulations to clarify certain language. The NOPR would not change the substance of Rule 216.

FERC affirms, in part, an Initial Decision

H-1, *Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes Energy Keepers, Incorporated*, Project No. 5-103. The order affirms, in part, and reverses, in part, an Initial Decision issued on December 29, 2016 by the Presiding Administrative Law Judge. The order agrees with the Initial Decision's conclusion and finds that the co-licensees for the Séliš Ksanka Q'íispé Project No. 5, located on the Flathead River in Montana, are not required to make

any part of the project's output available to the United States for, and on behalf of, the Flathead, Mission, and Jocko Valley Irrigation Districts and the Flathead Joint Board of Control of the Flathead, Mission, and Jocko Valley Irrigation Districts.

FERC proposes to revoke a hydro license

H-2, *Boyce Hydro Power, LLC*, Project No. 10808-058. This order proposes to revoke the license for the Edenville Hydroelectric Project No. 10808, located on the Tittabawassee and Tobacco Rivers in Gladwin and Midland counties, Michigan, in accordance with section 31(b) of the Federal Power Act. The order cites Boyce Hydro's violation of numerous provisions of its license, the Federal Power Act, and multiple Commission regulations and orders.

FERC denies request for rehearing

H-3, *Boyce Hydro Power, LLC*, Project No. 10808-056. This order denies Boyce Hydro's request for rehearing of a November 20, 2017 order requiring Boyce to cease generation at the Edenville Project No. 10808, located on the Tittabawassee and Tobacco Rivers in Gladwin and Midland counties, Michigan.

FERC denies request for rehearing

H-4, *Carson Tahoe Energy, LLC*, Docket No. CD18-1-001. The order denies the request for rehearing filed by the applicant, Carson Tahoe Energy, LLC (CTE), of Commission staff's October 19, 2017 letter order rejecting CTE's October 10, 2017 notice of intent to construct a qualifying conduit hydropower facility on the East Fork of the Carson River in Dresslerville, Nevada. The order finds that Commission staff determined correctly that because CTE's proposal would not utilize a conduit, it did not meet the Federal Power Act's "qualifying criteria" for qualifying conduit hydropower facilities, and appropriately rejected CTE's notice of intent.

FERC vacates certificate authorizations for storage and related facilities

C-1, *LA Storage, LLC*, Docket No. CP08-454-000. The order grants LA Storage's request to vacate the certificate authorization issued to it to construct and operate four high-delivery storage caverns, approximately 5.1 miles of 36-inch-diameter bidirectional pipeline, and a compressor station and meter station in Calcasieu and Cameron parishes, Louisiana.

FERC authorizes expansion of interstate natural gas facilities

C-2, *WBI Energy Transmission, Inc.*, Docket No. CP17-257-000. The order authorizes WBI Energy to construct and operate expansion facilities for the Valley Expansion Project in Minnesota and North Dakota to meet the demand of two customers. The project is designed to provide approximately 40,000 dekatherms per day of firm natural gas transportation service on a bi-directional basis between an interconnection with

Viking Gas Transmission Company and the proposed Mapleton Compressor Station. Due to the environmental benefits of the I-29 Variation, the order requires WBI Energy to adopt the variation even though the length of its proposed pipeline would increase by 0.2 miles. The order also grants WBI Energy's request to establish its proposed incremental recourse reservation charge and its existing system commodity charge as initial recourse rates for project service.

FERC authorizes modification of certain pipeline facilities

C-3, *Texas Eastern Transmission, LP*, Docket No. CP17-468-000. The order conditionally approves Texas Eastern's proposal to construct, operate, abandon, and temporarily modify certain segments of four pipelines located in Marshall County, West Virginia, due to anticipated longwall mining activities beneath the pipeline. Texas Eastern states that it will excavate and elevate approximately 6.3 miles of 30- and 36-inch-diameter pipeline prior to the commencement of longwall mining activities. Texas Eastern proposes to abandon temporarily some segments of the pipeline in place until after mining activities have concluded. Furthermore, Texas Eastern plans to replace approximately 3.2 miles of the excavated pipeline with upgraded pipe to accommodate the U.S. Dept. of Transportation's Class 2 Design. Texas Eastern plans to rebury the existing and replacement pipe after the completion of longwall mining activities.

FERC grants conditional authorization to an interstate pipeline expansion project

C-4, *Southern Natural Gas Company, L.L.C.*, Docket No. CP17-46-000. The order issues Southern a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate the Fairburn Expansion Project, located in Clayton, Cobb, Fulton, Fayette, and Monroe counties, Georgia. The project is designed to provide up to 343,846 dekatherms per day of incremental firm natural gas transportation service from a new interconnection with Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC's pipeline in Fayette County, Georgia, to delivery points within Southern's existing Rate Zones 2 and 3. To provide the service, Southern proposes to acquire from an affiliate (Georgia Power Company) an approximately 19.7-mile-long, 30-inch-diameter pipeline lateral, and construct a new compressor station, three pipeline laterals, three new meter stations, and appurtenant facilities.

FERC grants conditional authorization to an interstate pipeline expansion project

C-5, *Texas Eastern Transmission, LP*, Docket Nos. CP15-499-000, 001 and *Pomelo Connector, LLC*, Docket No. CP17-26-000. This order grants certificate authorization to Texas Eastern for its South Texas Expansion Project (STEP). STEP includes the construction of (a) the new Petronila Compressor Station in Nueces County, Texas; (b) a new compressor unit and station piping at an existing compressor station in Matagorda County, Texas; and (c) modifications to existing compression facilities in Chambers, Orange, and Brazoria counties, Texas. The order also grants certificate

authorization to Pomelo to construct its Pomelo Connector Pipeline Project that includes (a) a new 13.6-mile-long, 30-inch-diameter pipeline, that is designed to interconnect with Texas Eastern's proposed Petronila Compressor Station and extend to an interconnection with Valley Crossing Pipeline, LLC, a Texas intrastate pipeline, in Nueces County, Texas; and (b) construction of the new Pomelo Compressor Station in Nueces County. The order authorizes Pomelo to abandon, and Texas Eastern to acquire by lease, all the capacity of the Pomelo Connector Pipeline.