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Commission Meeting Summaries

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E-2, E-3 & H-1 – Press Release

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

E-1, *Reform of Generator Interconnection Procedures and Agreements*, Docket No. RM17-8-001. This order grants in part, and denies in part, the requests for rehearing and clarification of the Commission's determinations in Order No. 845, which amended the Commission's *pro forma* Large Generator Interconnection Procedures and *pro forma* Large Generator Interconnection Agreement to improve certainty, promote more informed interconnection decisions, and enhance interconnection processes.

FERC establishes hearing and settlement judge procedures

E-4, *Cheyenne Light, Fuel and Power Co.*, Docket Nos. ER19-697-000 and EL19-41-000. The order establishes hearing and settlement judge procedures to review proposed revisions to Cheyenne Light's tariff that would change from a fixed, stated transmission rate to a formula rate to calculate Cheyenne Light's annual transmission revenue requirement (ATRR) and associated transmission service rates. The order also institutes a Federal Power Act section 206 proceeding to determine whether Cheyenne Light's proposed ATRR reduction is just and reasonable

FERC accepts a revised tariff filing

E-5, *New York Independent System Operator, Inc. and Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation*, Docket Nos. ER18-1598-001 and EL18-77-000. The order accepts NYISO's submission, as amended in Docket No. ER18-1598-001, on behalf of Central Hudson, to update Central Hudson's stated transmission revenue requirement under the NYISO Open Access Transmission Tariff in response to the Commission's tax

rate-related order to show cause, and terminates the proceeding instituted under Federal Power Act section 206 in Docket No. EL18-77-000.

FERC dismisses as moot a limited waiver request

E-6, *New York Independent System Operator, Inc.*, Docket Nos. ER17-1561-002 and ER17-1561-003. This order dismisses as moot NYISO's limited waiver request concerning its Order No. 831 offer cap tariff amendments. It also accepts NYISO's requested December 19, 2018 effective date for these tariff amendments.

FERC accepts proposed tariff revisions

E-7, *California Independent System Operator Corporation*, Docket No. ER19-538-000. This order accepts CAISO's proposed revisions to its tariff regarding practices for conformance of load forecasts in the balancing authority areas that participate in the CAISO markets. Specifically, these revisions enhance CAISO's tariff by describing (1) the load conforming practice in the real-time market; (2) a similar practice in the residual unit commitment process of the day-ahead market; and (3) a load conformance limiter tool.

FERC grants a request

E-8, *California Independent System Operator Corporation*, Docket No. ER19-308-000. The order grants CAISO's request to distribute penalty proceeds collected for violations of CAISO's Rules of Conduct and certain non-refundable study deposits stemming from interconnection projects.

FERC denies a request for rehearing

E-9, *California Independent System Operator Corporation*, Docket No. ER18-1169-002. This order denies CAISO's request for rehearing of the Commission's June 21, 2018 order that accepted in part, subject to condition, and rejected in part, proposed tariff revisions filed by CAISO related to opportunity cost adders, resource characteristics registered in the Master File, and other clarifying changes.

FERC denies a request for a declaratory order

E-10, *Jacksonville Electric Authority*, Docket No. EL18-200-000. This order denies JEA's petition for declaratory order seeking a determination that the Commission has jurisdiction under section 201(b)(1) of the Federal Power Act over the Amended and Restated Power Purchase Agreement between JEA and Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia for the purchase of power from the Plant Vogtle nuclear generating facilities under construction in the state of Georgia.

FERC accepts a compliance filing

E-11, *Tucson Electric Power Company*, Docket No. ER19-550-000, *et al.* This order accepts Tucson Electric's compliance filing reflecting the stated transmission rate reductions in its tariff resulting from the tax rate reduction in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, and terminates the Federal Power Act section 206 proceeding established in Docket No. EL18-119-000.

FERC grants a request for clarification

E-12, *Vermont Transco LLC*, Docket No. ER18-1259-001. The order grants Vermont Transco's request for clarification and denies rehearing of the Commission's May 29, 2018 order rejecting Vermont Transco's request for authorization to recover in its transmission rates costs related to its acquisition of certain ownership shares in a transmission facility.

FERC grants a request

E-13, *FirstEnergy Solutions Corp.*, Docket No. ER18-810-000. This order grants FirstEnergy Solutions' request for authorization to make wholesale power sales to its affiliate, West Penn Power Company.

FERC grants a request

E-14, *FirstEnergy Solutions Corp.*, Docket No. ER18-809-000. The order grants FirstEnergy Solutions' request for authorization to make wholesale power sales to its affiliate, The Potomac Edison Company.

FERC accepts a compliance filing

E-15, *Sky River LLC*, Docket Nos. ER18-1596-001 and EL18-112-000. This order accepts Sky River's compliance filing reflecting the stated transmission rate reductions in its tariff resulting from the tax rate reduction in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, and terminates the Federal Power Act section 206 proceeding established in Docket No. EL18-112-000.

FERC grants a motion to terminate proceeding

E-16, *Pacific Gas and Electric Company*, Docket No. EL18-108-000. This order grants PG&E's unopposed motion to terminate the Federal Power Act section 206 proceeding that the Commission instituted in response to the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017. At the start of this proceeding, the Commission ordered PG&E to either reduce its rates under its transmission owner tariff or show cause as to why it need not reduce its rates. In

response, PG&E explained that its rates were under review in an open proceeding in Docket Nos. ER17-2154-000 and EL17-95-000 (TO19 Rate Case). Following the Commission's approval of the settlement in the TO19 Rate Case, PG&E moved to terminate the Federal Power Act section 206 proceeding here, and this order grants that motion.

FERC grants, in part, and denies, in part, a complaint

E-17, *Owensboro Municipal Utilities v. Louisville Gas and Electric Co. and Kentucky Utilities Co.*, Docket No. EL18-203-000. This order grants, in part, Owensboro's complaint that requests the Commission (1) find that Louisville Gas and Electric Company (LG&E) and Kentucky Utilities Company (KU) (collectively, LG&E/KU) has violated LG&E/KU Rate Schedule FERC No. 402 by failing to reimburse Owensboro for pancaked transmission charges incurred to import energy from a source in the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) to serve Owensboro's load connected to the LG&E/KU transmission system; and (2) order LG&E/KU to promptly reimburse Owensboro for pancaked transmission reservation costs incurred from February 1, 2018 forward, with interest. The order grants Owensboro's complaint with respect to the 115 MW reservation in MISO and denies the complaint with respect to two smaller one-month reservations (for August and October 2018) on the same path.

FERC approves a settlement

E-18, *Stuttgart Solar, LLC*, Docket No. ER18-1704-001. This order approves the uncontested offer of settlement concerning a rate schedule that specifies Stuttgart Solar's revenue requirement for Reactive Supply and Voltage Control from Generation Sources Service.

FERC makes a preliminary finding

G-1, *Trailblazer Pipeline Company LLC*, Docket No. RP18-922-000, The order addresses paper hearing briefs regarding whether a double recovery of income tax costs results from permitting Trailblazer to recover in its cost of service both an income tax allowance for its owners' tax costs and a return on equity determined by the discounted cash flow methodology. The order directs further consideration of these issues in the ongoing administrative law judge proceedings involving Trailblazer's Natural Gas Act section 4 rate case.

FERC denies rehearing and addresses compliance filing

G-2, *SFPP, L.P.*, Docket Nos. IS08-390-010 and IS08-390-011. The order denies SFPP's request for rehearing of Opinion No. 511-C, that denied SFPP an income tax allowance in its cost of service following the decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals for

the D.C. Circuit in *United Airlines v. FERC*, 827 F.3d 122 (D.C. Cir. 2016). The order also addresses SFPP's compliance filing to Opinion No. 511-C.

FERC approves a settlement

G-3, *Young Gas Storage Company, Ltd.*, Docket Nos. RP19-276-000 and RP19-276-001. On November 8, 2018, Young filed a FERC Form No. 501-G as required by section 260.402 of the Commission's regulations. On December 28, 2018, Young filed a settlement to implement a reduction in Young's rates effective January 1, 2019. The order approves Young's settlement and terminates Young's FERC Form No. 501-G proceeding.

FERC grants a certificate of public convenience and necessity

C-1, *Portland Natural Gas Transmission System; and Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C.*, Docket No. CP18-506-000 and CP18-539-000. The order authorizes Portland to implement Phase III of the Portland XPress Project. The Phase III Project is designed to increase the certificated capacity on Portland's wholly owned north system by 24,473 dekatherms per day (Dth/d) and to increase the certificated capacity on the portion of its system jointly owned with Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C. (Maritimes) by 22,428 Dth/d. The order also grants Portland's request to abandon capacity it leases from Maritimes on the joint facilities, effective upon the in-service date of the Phase III Project. As part of the Phase III Project, Portland will acquire a portion of ownership in a compressor unit wholly owned by Maritimes and make modifications and additions to other facilities. The order also authorizes Maritimes to reacquire the capacity it leases to Portland on the joint facilities and to abandon a portion of its ownership interest in a compressor unit at the existing Westbrook Compressor Station in Cumberland County, Maine, to Portland.

FERC grants a certificate of public convenience and necessity

C-2, *Northern Natural Gas Company*, Docket No. CP18-534-000. The order grants Northern's request for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate its proposed Northern Lights 2019 and Rochester Expansion Projects to be located in various counties in Minnesota. The proposal would involve the construction and operation of: 26.5 miles of new lateral pipelines, 4.7 miles of looping for its existing pipeline, additional compression, and install various appurtenant facilities. The order also grants Northern's request for authority to abandon three segments of pipeline, totaling less than 300 feet, at an existing compressor station. The projects are fully subscribed and will provide a total of 138,504 dekatherms a day of additional service.

