

3. To provide the parties an opportunity to resolve issues related to the SECAs consensually, and given the unanimity of the parties who participated in the settlement conference (and the EME Companies, who are parties in these proceedings,² acknowledge that they did not attend the settlement conference³), and notwithstanding the EME Companies' opposition, the Commission is persuaded that it is appropriate to accept the parties' agreements, and so the Commission will extend the dates as follows:

4. The date for the filing of the SECAs will be April 1, 2004;

5. The date for the filing of protests or comments concerning the SECAs will be April 15, 2004;

6. The date for the elimination of the existing through-and-out rates, and for the SECAs to take effect, will be May 1, 2004; and

7. The two-year transition period previously ordered by the Commission will continue to run from April 1, 2004.

By the Commission. Commissioner Kelly not participating.

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Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

² Ameren Services Company, et al., 105 FERC ¶ 61,216 at 61,128-29, 62,140 (2003); Midwest Independent System Operator, Inc., et al., 102 FERC ¶ 63,049 at 65,125 (2003); see also Alliance Companies, et al., 100 FERC ¶ 61,137 at 61,526, 61,531 (2002).

³ See EME Companies' Answer at 5.