

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Before Commissioners: Nora Mead Brownell, Joseph T. Kelliher,  
and Suedeem G. Kelly.

Southern Company Services, Inc.

Docket Nos. ER02-851-020,  
ER04-151-002, and ER04-780-002

ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION

(Issued July 6, 2005)

1. On May 9, 2005, the Commission issued an order accepting several filings made by Southern Company Services, Inc. (Southern)<sup>1</sup> consistent with earlier Commission orders approving a settlement establishing cost-of-service formula rates for Southern in lieu of charges based on use of a fixed revenue requirement. *Southern Company Services, Inc.*, 111 FERC ¶ 61,199 (2005) (May 9 Order). The May 9 Order directed Southern to “report, in all future Annual True-Up Filings, all changes to billings under the formula rate that have been agreed to during the course of the informal review process.” *Id.* at Ordering Paragraph (B). In this order, we grant a request by Southern to clarify that this filing should be made after the informal review process has been concluded. This order benefits customers by making the required filing more informative.

2. Southern asks us to clarify that the required informational filing informing the Commission of changes to billings under the formula rate that have been agreed to during the informal review process should be filed after the informal review process is concluded. The requested clarification would eliminate doubt about exactly when the required filing is to be made. By allowing the report to be submitted after the informal review process is concluded, the report will include not only changes initially proposed

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<sup>1</sup>Southern Company Services, Inc. acts as agent for Alabama Power Company, Georgia Power Company, Gulf Power Company, Mississippi Power Company, Savannah Electric and Power Company, and Southern Electric Generating Company (collectively, Southern Companies).

by Southern, but the final version of any billing adjustments, including any revisions worked out in the informal process. We agree and we will grant the requested clarification.

3. Moreover, to provide both sufficient time for the informal review process to be concluded before the report is filed and still ensure that the filing is made promptly after August 1<sup>st</sup> (the date when Southern states the informal review process is over), we will clarify that the information is to be reported by no later than August 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. Finally, to avoid confusion, we clarify that if no billing adjustments are being made, Southern should nonetheless make a filing, no later than August 31<sup>st</sup> of each year, informing the Commission that this is the case.

By the Commission. Chairman Wood not participating.

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Linda Mitry,  
Deputy Secretary.