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FERC ANNOUNCES FIRST TECHNOLOGY FELLOW

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) announced today the appointment of Eric Wong, on loan from Cummins West Inc., as the agency's first Technology Fellow. Mr. Wong, an expert on distributed generation, load response and energy efficiency, will work with FERC staff over the next four months as the agency works to enable demand response and distributed generation to participate more effectively in wholesale power markets.

FERC has created the Technology Fellow position to improve the agency's understanding of new technologies and opportunities that can affect electricity and gas markets. The agency will invite selected experts in key technologies relevant to FERC's policy challenges to accept short-term appointments to share their technical expertise and advise staff and Commissioners on the technology implications of evolving FERC rules, orders and other policy development.

Mr. Wong is currently the General Manager of Combined Energy Systems for Cummins West, Inc., a Distributor for northern California and Hawaii. Before joining Cummins, he was Business Development Manager for Caterpillar's Electric Power Group working on new electric power product development. Previously he worked as Assistant Executive Director and Principal Advisor to the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the California Energy Commission and managed federal power marketing programs and integrated resource planning for the Western Area Power Administration. While at the Energy Commission, he served as the first Chair of the California Alliance for Distributed Energy Resources. Mr. Wong has an M.S. in Environmental Management and a B.A., both from the University of Hawaii.

Chairman Pat Wood, III comments that, "Customers place immense value upon

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demand response and distributed generation opportunities, and so does FERC. We're very excited that Eric will be sharing his expertise and perspective to make us smarter about these technologies."

Mr. Wong will work on a variety of projects, including FERC's partnership with the New England states to build meaningful demand response programs for that region and identify ways for the proposed Standard Market Design (SMD) to fully enable demand participation in wholesale markets. Additionally, Mr. Wong will work on the small generation interconnection rule, the SMD rulemaking, and other policy issues as they arise.

Mr. Wong comments, "The issues before FERC today—interconnection, competitive market design, and demand response initiatives—give me an exciting opportunity to participate in issues I've addressed through my whole career. I'm eager to work with FERC to create more efficient, stable electricity markets with clean, efficient small generators as a cornerstone."

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