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FERC Opens Penalty Guidelines Plan to Public Comment

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) announced today it will open to public comment the Policy Statement on Penalty Guidelines issued March 18, 2010, before issuing a final order and putting the guidelines into effect.

The penalty guidelines are intended to add fairness, consistency and transparency to all FERC civil penalty determinations. The Commission has conducted three workshops on the penalty guidelines in Washington, D.C., Houston and San Francisco.

The Commission said that the public interest would best be served by giving entities broader opportunity to comment on the penalty guidelines before issuing a final order. The Commission considers its March 18 action as interim in this proceeding.

Entities have 60 days from today's order to submit comments on the penalty guidelines.

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