



FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Chairman Jon Wellinghoff

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Statement of Chairman Jon Wellinghoff on Notice of Cancellation of Entergy Arkansas and Entergy Mississippi's Participation in the Entergy System Agreement

"Our action today will allow Entergy and any interested party to engage in meaningful negotiations for a successor arrangement to the System Agreement to be in effect prior to the withdrawal of Entergy Arkansas and Entergy Mississippi. This order resolves a key Entergy System issue that will inform the cost benefit analysis evaluating the future of the Entergy Operating Companies once Entergy's current Independent Coordinator of Transmission agreement with SPP expires. I would also like to note that Entergy's retail regulators are in the process of forming a Regional State Committee to provide input on issues important to the region. This group will be instrumental in evaluating issues involving the future operations of Entergy's system, including such issues as evaluating RTO membership and/or an enhanced ICT arrangement. Such decisions will be inextricably linked to discussions surrounding a successor arrangement. Finally, this order gives the parties guidance so that the Operating Companies can engage in long-term generation planning and procurement decisions with more certainty. For these reasons, I support this order."