## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

## NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC HEARING RULES AND PROCEDURES

(Issued September 27, 2019)

- 1. Effective immediately, the Office of Administrative Law Judges (OALJ) will conduct all hearings in accordance with the Electronic Hearing Rules and Procedures. The Electronic Hearing Rules and Procedures also include the requirements for exhibit naming conventions and numbering. The current version of the Electronic Hearing Rules and Procedures is available on the Commission's Administrative Litigation webpage: <a href="https://www.ferc.gov/legal/admin-lit.asp">https://www.ferc.gov/legal/admin-lit.asp</a>.
- 2. As set forth in Order No. 811, the Electronic Hearing Rules and Procedures will facilitate a shift toward electronic hearing procedures which should improve the efficiency and administrative convenience of the Commission hearing process, reduce the burden and expense associated with paper exhibits, and facilitate the compilation and transmittal of the hearing record to the Commission in electronic format.<sup>1</sup>
- 3. The issuance of the Electronic Hearing Rules and Procedures supersedes the following prior notices issued by the Chief Administrative Law Judge:
  - a. Addendum to Prior Notices on Procedures on Procedures for Handling Exhibits and Developing the Electronic Hearing Record (Oct. 18, 2016);
  - b. Procedures for Handling Exhibits and Developing the Electronic Record (Sep. 30, 2015);
  - c. Uniform Exhibit Numbering System (June 8, 1998); and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Revised Exhibit Submission Requirements for Commission Hearings, Order No. 811, 151 FERC ¶ 61,221, at P 1 (2015).

d. Addendum to Procedures for Handling Exhibits and Developing the Electronic Hearing Record (April 19, 2016).

Carmen A. Cintron Chief Administrative Law Judge