

## [March 2020 Highlights](#)

The FERC insight gives you a monthly snapshot of FERC news – you get the latest news from the monthly Commission meeting and schedules for upcoming conferences and Commissioners' speeches/presentations, as well as links to Commission orders, notices, new reports and [Coronavirus updates](#).



### [A Message from Chairman Chatterjee regarding FERC's Coronavirus Response](#)

Chairman Chatterjee announced a number of steps FERC is taking to protect the health and safety of our employees and the public, and to help mitigate or slow the transmission of the coronavirus within our communities. We are committed to doing our part to flatten the curve of the Novel Coronavirus disease.

FERC has taken steps to ensure the continued reliable operation of energy markets, using regulatory discretion to advise operators it will consider the impact of the coronavirus outbreak in complying with standards and extending filing deadlines. The Commission also has said entities may seek waiver of Commission orders, regulations, tariffs and rate schedules as appropriate, and that the Commission will act expeditiously on those and other requests.

All Commissioners and senior agency leaders are in close communications and, along with the Commission's workforce, are committed to continuing to carry out our important work and fulfilling our statutory obligations as seamlessly as possible during this time. [Chairman's Statement](#)

Please visit the [Coronavirus response](#) page on the FERC website for continuous updates on the situation.



### [Chairman Announces Pandemic Liaison](#)

Chairman Chatterjee named Caroline Wozniak the Commission's Pandemic Liaison, or dedicated point of contact for all industry inquiries related to impacts of their COVID-19 preparations and guidance regarding FERC-jurisdictional activities. Members of the regulated community seeking guidance during the pandemic should email [PandemicLiaison@ferc.gov](mailto:PandemicLiaison@ferc.gov) to receive prompt responses from Commission staff.

[News Release](#) | [FERC Response](#)



### [FERC, NERC Provide Industry Guidance Amid Potential Coronavirus Impacts](#)

FERC and NERC are taking steps to ensure that operators of the bulk electric system can focus their resources on keeping people safe and the lights on during this unprecedented public health emergency.

[News Release](#)



### [FERC Proposes Reforms to Electric Transmission Incentives Policy](#)

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) on March 19 proposed to revise its electric transmission incentive policy to stimulate the development of transmission infrastructure needed to support the nation's evolving generation resource mix, technological innovation and shifts in load patterns.

The reforms would more closely align the Commission's policy with its statutory obligation to provide incentives that benefit consumers by ensuring reliability and reducing the cost of delivered power. The NOPR proposes to do this by shifting the focus in granting transmission incentives from an approach based on the risks and challenges faced by a project to an approach based on the

benefits of the project to consumers. Comments are due 90 days after publication in the [Federal Register](#).  
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### [FERC Staff Issues State of the Markets Report](#)

The report is an annual summation of key trends and topics, and major events. This report covers 2019. The report recounts events ranging from western utilities de-energizing some transmission and distribution lines to reduce chances of wildfires to the significant fall of natural gas prices due to record-high natural gas production and relatively mild weather. The report notes that natural gas production outpaced gains on the demand side, both of which set new benchmarks. Capacity additions for both interstate natural gas pipelines and LNG liquefaction plants enabled greater natural gas volumes to be exported and furthered the United States' position as a net exporter of natural gas.

[2019 State of the Markets Report](#)

### A Look Ahead

- **March 24 - 26, 2020** – Technical Conference WebEx regarding Revisions to the Filing Process for Commission Forms (Docket No RM19-12-000) (Washington, DC) [Event Details](#)
- **March 26, 2020** – Technical Conference Call regarding Review of Cost Submittals by Other Federal Agencies for Administering Part I of the Federal Power Act (Docket No. AD20-3-000) [Event Details](#)
- **March 30, 2020** – Technical Conference Call regarding Green Lake Water Power Company (Project No. 7189-014) [Event Details](#)
- **April 19, 2020** – Commission Meeting (Details Forthcoming)



### [Senate Votes to Confirm Danly as FERC Commissioner](#)

The U.S. Senate voted March 12 to confirm James Danly's nomination as a Commissioner to FERC.

Danly will serve the remainder of a term that expires June 30, 2023.

[News Release](#)

### Decisions & Notices

[Delegated Orders & Notices](#) | [Notational Orders](#)



The Commissioners voted notationally on all items scheduled for the March Commission meeting due to the Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic. Chairman Neil Chatterjee spoke with the media and the public on a conference call. FERC is practicing social distancing yet continues to fulfill its mission.

### Highlights & Happenings

**FERC** @FERC · Mar 19  
#Coronavirus FERC Response page is LIVE! @FERC is here to provide info on resources for stakeholders, operating status, conference/hearings & news. We'll share updates as we continue to provide safe & reliable #energy during the #pandemic. Learn more: [bit.ly/3b9dq5H](https://bit.ly/3b9dq5H)



**FERC** @FERC · Mar 20  
@CISAgov has released the following guidance identifying essential #critical #infrastructure workers during the #Coronavirus response in order to ensure reliable #energy for consumers | [bit.ly/3dlF0Pk](https://bit.ly/3dlF0Pk)



**FERC** @FERC · Mar 19  
#Electric Transmission Incentives Policy Under Section 219 of the #Federal #Power Act. #Docket No. RM20-10-000 | News Release. [ferc.gov/media/news-rel...](https://ferc.gov/media/news-rel...)



**FERC** @FERC · Mar 19  
@FERChatterjee will hold a press conference today @ noon ET, to discuss the @FERC's work & #Coronavirus updates. To access the public can go here [bit.ly/2Wsl0ig](https://bit.ly/2Wsl0ig) | Reporters interested in participating contact [MediaI@FERC.gov](mailto:MediaI@FERC.gov)



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