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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Before Commissioners: Neil Chatterjee, Chairman;
Richard Glick and Bernard L. McNamee
and James P. Danly.

Uplift Cost Allocation and Transparency in Markets Operated by Regional Transmission Organizations and Independent System Operators Docket No. RM17-2-000

ORDER EXTENDING TIME FOR POSTING REQUIRED REPORTS

(Issued April 2, 2020)

1. On April 19, 2018, the Commission issued a Final Rule in Docket No. RM17-2-000 (Final Rule).¹ The Final Rule promulgated 18 C.F.R. §§ 35.28 (10)(i) and (ii) (2019), which require each Commission-approved regional transmission organizations (RTOs) and independent system operators (ISOs) to post certain information on publicly available portions of their websites at specified times. Specifically, RTOs/ISOs must post reports regarding uplift on publicly available portions of their websites: (1) within 20 days after the end of each month, a report of uplift, paid in dollars, and categorized by transmission zone, day, and uplift category; and (2) within 90 calendar days of the end of each month, a report of the resource name and the total amount of uplift paid in dollars aggregated across the month to each resource that received uplift payments within the calendar month (together, Uplift Reports).² In addition, each RTO/ISO must post on a publicly accessible portion of its website a report of each operator-initiated commitment listing the size of the commitment, transmission zone, commitment reason, and commitment start time within 30 calendar days of the end of each month (Operator Initiated Commitment Reports).³

¹ *Uplift Cost Allocation and Transparency in Markets Operated by Regional Transmission Organizations and Independent System Operators*, Order No. 844, 163 FERC ¶ 61,041 (2018).

² 18 C.F.R. § 35.28 (10)(i) (2019).

³ *Id.* § 35.28 (10)(ii).

2. On March 13, 2020, the President issued a proclamation declaring a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19). Regulated entities have taken steps to protect the health and safety of their employees and the public, and to help mitigate or slow the transmission of COVID-19 within their communities. We recognize the potential impact these steps may have on meeting regulatory requirements and RTOs/ISOs' need to focus on continuity of operations and ensuring reliable operations of their systems during this emergency period.

3. Therefore, pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 385.2008, upon our own motion, we find good cause to extend the time period for posting all Uplift Reports and Operator Initiated Commitment Reports that otherwise would have been required to be posted between April 2020 and September 2020 until October 20, 2020.⁴ Thus, pursuant to this extension of time, each RTO/ISO shall post the Uplift Reports and Operator Initiated Commitment Reports that were due to be posted between April 2020 and September 2020 to the publicly available portions of their websites by October 20, 2020. RTOs/ISOs are not prohibited from posting Uplift Reports and Operator Initiated Commitment Reports before October 20, 2020 or from seeking further extension of time if needed.

The Commission orders:

The time period for posting all Uplift Reports and Operator Initiated Commitment Reports pursuant to 18 C.F.R. §§ 35.28 (10)(i) and (ii) that otherwise would have been required to be posted between April 2020 and September 2020 is hereby extended to October 20, 2020, as discussed in the body of this order.

By the Commission.

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Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

⁴ Because this extension of time only applies to Uplift Reports and Operator Initiated Commitment Reports due to be posted between April 2020 and September 2020, Uplift Reports and Operator Initiated Commitment Reports due thereafter must be posted in accordance with the timing requirements set forth in 18 C.F.R. §§ 35.28 (10)(i) and (ii), unless an extension is granted.