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Commissioner Glick Lauds Completion of Major Rule That Removes Barriers to Aggregated Distributed Energy Resources

At the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) September Open Meeting, Commissioner Glick championed the completion of the Distributed Energy Resources (DER) rulemaking as "great for enhancing grid reliability, expanding market competition, and reducing customer electric costs."

After languishing for years, the DER final rule represents a major step forward in eliminating barriers to the participation of aggregated DERs in RTO and ISO markets. Eliminating barriers to newer technologies, including energy storage and DERs, has been one of Commissioner Glick's top priorities and he has called for action on this final rule since shortly after joining the Commission.

"Today's action is something the Commission is required to do, both because it resolves undue discrimination in RTO and ISO markets and because markets that do not permit the participation of DER aggregation are unjust and unreasonable," Commissioner Glick said at the Open Meeting.

"I want to commend Chairman Chatterjee for working with me and my team to help get this much-anticipated final rule over the finish line. I appreciate his persistence and leadership on this important matter."

Today's DER Final Rule's offers substantial benefits:

- Increasing options for the supply of energy, capacity, and ancillary services, which will enhance competition and lower rates.
- Improving reliability by providing RTOs and ISOs greater visibility regarding how DERs affect wholesale markets.
- Creating another revenue stream for DERs, which will improve their economic viability.

FERC Commissioner Glick's full statements from FERC's open meeting will be available at http://www.ferc.gov/about/com-mem/glick.asp.

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