



Final Report on February 2021 Freeze Underscores Winterization Recommendations

FERC, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) and NERC's regional entities released the final report examining the impact of the February 2021 freeze on the bulk electric system in Texas and other parts of the South Central U.S. The 300-page analysis underscores preliminary recommendations released earlier this fall. The final report includes additional details regarding the need to strengthen rules for cold weather preparedness and coordination to prevent a recurrence of last winter's blackouts. [Press Release](#) | [Report](#)



Senate Confirms Willie Phillips as FERC Commissioner

The U.S. Senate unanimously confirmed D.C. Public Service Commission Chairman Willie Phillips as a new member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on the evening of November 17. Phillips' confirmation brings FERC back to its full, five-member complement. [Press Release](#)



2022 Technical Conference Set for Winter-Readiness Discussion

Chairman Glick announced a joint technical conference with FERC and NERC on April 28, 2022, on how to improve the winter-readiness of generating units, including the best practices, lessons learned and increased use of the NERC Guidelines, as outlined in the [Joint February 2021 Cold Weather Outages Report](#). [Notice](#)



Joint Task Force on Transmission

The first meeting of the joint Federal-State Task Force on Electric Transmission took place on November 10. This important partnership between FERC and the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners is a first-of-its-kind effort to ensure important cooperation between federal and state regulators on electricity transmission-related issues. The Task Force will focus on topics related to planning and paying for transmission, including transmission to facilitate generator interconnection, that provides benefits from a federal and state perspective. [Click here to watch the Task Force Meeting \(recorded\)](#)



FERC Enforcement Activity Increases in Fiscal Year 2021

FERC's 15th Annual Report on Enforcement shows an increase in energy market enforcement activity increased in fiscal year 2021, with the opening of 12 new investigations and the negotiation of eight settlements totaling \$6.4 million in disgorgement and penalties. [Staff Presentation](#) | [Report](#) | [Press Release](#)

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A Look Ahead

- **Chairman Glick speaks at SEIA 30x30 Policy Forum** - 11am EST, December 2, 2021
- **Chairman Glick speaks at Western Governors Association Winter Meeting** - December 9 - 10, 2021
- **Chairman Glick speaks at Northwestern University Law School Electricity Dialogue** - December 14, 2021
- **Scoping Meetings Regarding Southern California Edison Company (Project No. 2290-122)** - December 14, 2021
- **December Commission Meeting (Virtual)** - December 16, 2021

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FERC Technical Conferences

[Building for the Future Through Electric Regional Transmission Planning & Cost Allocation & Generator Interconnection](#)

FERC kicked off public discussion of its July 2021 Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on the grid of the future November 15 with a technical conference that examined the issues and potential reforms related to regional transmission planning. [Details](#)

[Greenhouse Gas Mitigation: Natural Gas Act Sections 3 and 7 Authorizations](#)

FERC wrapped up its busy 2021 technical conference schedule with a staff-led technical conference on the methods natural gas companies may use to mitigate the effects of direct and indirect greenhouse gas emissions resulting from Natural Gas Act sections 3 and 7 authorizations. [Details](#)



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