

From Bottlenecks to Breakthrough

FERC is setting the stage for a resilient, reliable, and forward thinking-grid.

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GRID OPERATORS

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REFORM AREAS

60

DAY DEADLINE

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DAY REPORT

THE HEADLINE

What FERC Did

FERC issued tailored show cause orders under section 206 of the Federal Power Act to each of the six regional grid operators, directing them to justify or reform the tariff provisions that govern how data centers, manufacturing facilities, and other large energy users connect to the grid. The action advances the goals of the Secretary of Energy's ANOPR, delivering the speed to power needed for the innovation economy.

THE STAKES

Why It Matters



Protects Ratepayers

Prevents cost shifting and requires transparency into transmission costs across the system.



Powers Innovation

Speeds the integration of AI-driven data centers and domestic manufacturing onto the grid.



Strengthens Reliability

Safeguards grid stability as demand from large loads accelerates nationwide.

THE FIVE-POINT PLAN

Categories of Reform

The orders propose five categories of further reforms that grid operators should address:

01

Efficient Study Processes

Transmission service application and study processes, including alternative transmission technologies.

02

Cost Transparency

Preventing cost shifting and requiring transparency into transmission costs.

03

Co-Location Rules

Accommodating co-location agreements and behind-the-meter generation.

04

Flexible Load Service

New transmission services tailored for flexible large loads.

05

Generation Studies

Developing process to study generating facilities serving electrically proximate and co-located large loads.

THE CLOCK IS TICKING

Key Deadlines

60 DAYS

Justify current tariffs or file tariff changes addressing the issues identified

30 DAYS

Submit an informational report on generation adequacy for existing and new large loads

WHO'S AFFECTED

The Six Grid Operators

● PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.	● MISO
● Southwest Power Pool	● CAISO
● ISO New England	● NYISO

"We are setting the stage for a resilient, reliable, and forward-thinking grid that empowers communities and safeguards consumers by transforming the way large energy users access the grid. It also is critical that FERC provide certainty for investors by directing the markets to protect existing deals and unlock opportunities for technological advancement and economic expansion. We can facilitate both, which is exactly what we did today."

— FERC Chairman Laura V. Swett