

Tariff (First Revised Volume No. 4), which was accepted by order of the Commission dated November 6, 1997, in Docket No. ER97-3561-001. Under the tendered Service Agreement, Virginia Power will provide services to Southern Energy Retail Trading and Marketing, Inc., under the rates, terms and conditions of the applicable Service Schedules included in the Tariff. Virginia Power requests an effective date of December 18, 1997, for the Service Agreement. On January 27, 1998, Virginia Power amended its January 16, 1998, filing in the above-referenced docket.

Copies of the filing were served upon Southern Energy Retail Trading and Marketing, Inc., the Virginia State Corporation Commission and the North Carolina Utilities Commission.

Comment date: February 13, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraph

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of these filings are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

David P. Boergers,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PL98-3-000]

Processes for Assuring Nondiscriminatory Transmission Service as New Reliability Rules Are Developed for Using the Transmission System; Supplemental Notice of Conference

February 2, 1998.

I

On January 5, 1998, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) announced its intention to convene a public conference on February 20, 1998, to discuss what role the Commission should play and what procedures it should follow, in the absence of new federal legislation on reliability issues, to address the effect of new reliability standards on jurisdictional electric transmission service (63 FR 1453, January 9, 1998). The January 5 notice affirmed the Commission's commitment to rules and practices for reliable operation of the grid that are compatible with open, non-discriminatory use of transmission systems, and requested expressions of interest from persons interested in participating in an informal discussion of potential processes for achieving this end. The notice emphasized that the conference is for the limited purpose of discussing process issues.

In this supplemental notice, the Commission announces the format of the round-table discussion, suggests various process models that may warrant consideration, and identifies those persons who have been invited to participate in the round-table. In addition, procedures are established for the submission of written comments following the conference.

II

The Commission's intention is to have a free-flowing discussion unbound by formal, timed statements. The panel participants and their affiliations are listed in Attachment A. They have been selected for broad representation, within the constraints of the round-table format.

The round-table participants will discuss the preferred process for Commission consideration and approval of a new or revised reliability standard or rule that is to be used by Commission jurisdictional transmission providers and that appears to be a term or condition of transmission service. For example, a reliability organization

(NERC, regional council, independent system operator, or other group that is larger than one transmission provider) may develop a new reliability rule or change an existing rule. A rule that appears to be a term or condition of transmission service may require Commission approval.

The Commission has reviewed the comments filed in response to the January 5 notice. We appreciate the commenters' thoughtful consideration and the diverse points of view expressed. We suggest below three processes that merit discussion at the round-table. In putting forward these three processes, the Commission is not suggesting that they are the only ones under consideration. Any participant may suggest variations on these processes or an entirely different process.

Process 1—All transmission providers that are members of a reliability organization would follow that organization's rule with no Commission approval. Transmission customers wishing to challenge the rule as an inappropriate term or condition of transmission service for a jurisdictional utility would file a complaint with the Commission pursuant to Section 206 of the Federal Power Act (FPA).

Process 2—All jurisdictional utilities that are members of a reliability organization would file the rule change as an amendment to their transmission tariffs.

Process 3—The reliability organization would file a request for declaratory order that the rule is a just and reasonable term or condition of transmission service. The rule would be effective following a Commission order approving the rule. Jurisdictional utilities would file tariff amendments to comply with the Commission order.

The discussion will focus on the potential advantages and disadvantages of each process. Issues that may need to be addressed include whether each process is:

- Consistent with the FPA;
- efficient from the viewpoint of each of the industry participants and the Commission;
- able to accommodate any potential need for urgent implementation of the rule; and
- compatible with regulatory approvals for non-jurisdictional transmission providers;

If Process 2 or 3 is employed and the traditional "rule of reason" with respect to inclusion of utility practices in filed tariffs continues to apply, participants will consider criteria for identifying those rules that should be treated as terms and conditions of service and,

therefore, require approval by the Commission.

If the Commission is unable to approve a particular condition, consideration would be required as to what alternative condition, if any, would serve the specific reliability purpose intended by the reliability organization.

The Chairman has asked Commissioner Vicky Bailey to chair the round-table discussions. The round-table will begin at 9:30 am in the Commission Meeting Room, Room 2C, 888 First Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20426. Participants who have audio/visual requirements should contact Wanda Washington at 202-208-1460, no later than February 13, 1998.

If there is sufficient interest, the Capitol Connection will provide a live broadcast of the round-table to interested persons. Persons interested in receiving the broadcast for a fee should contact Shirley Al-Jarani by telephone at the Capitol Connection at 703-993-3100 no later than February 6, 1998.

In addition, National Narrowcast Network's Hearings-On-The-Line service covers all Commission meetings live by telephone so that interested persons can listen to the proceedings from any telephone without special equipment. Call 202-966-2211 for details. Billing is based on time on-line.

The Commission will also afford an opportunity for persons wishing to file written comments in response to the round-table discussion. Those wishing to file such comments should do so by March 2, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David N. Cook, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, D.C. 20426, (202) 208-0955.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

Attachment A—Reliability Round-Table Panelists, February 20, 1998

Kurt Conger, Director of Policy
Analysis, American Public Power Association

Jose Delgado, Assistant Vice President,
Wisconsin Electric Power Company
and Chairman and President,
MidAmerican Interconnected
Network

Dennis Eyre, Executive Director,
Western System Coordinating Council

Michael Gent, President, North
American Electric Reliability Council

Philip G. Harris, President and Chief
Executive Officer, PJM
Interconnection and Regional
Manager, Mid-Atlantic Area Council

Charles Gray, General Counsel, National
Association of Regulatory Utility
Commissioners

Susan Kelly, Senior Regulatory Counsel,
National Rural Electric Cooperative
Association

William Newman, Senior Vice
President, Southern Company

Sonny Popowsky, Consumer Advocate
of Pennsylvania

Vann Prater, Director, Electricity Affairs
and Procurement, AMOCO
Exploration and Production Sector,
Electricity Consumers Resource
Council

Paul Barber, Vice President,
Transmission and Engineering,
Citizens Power, LLC

Julie Simon, Director of Policy, Electric
Power Supply Association

Ronald J. Threlkeld, Senior Vice
President, British Columbia Hydro
and Chairman Canadian Electricity
Association

Steven J. Kean, Senior Vice President,
Enron Corporation, Representative of
the Department of Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Sunshine Act Meeting

February 4, 1998.

The following notice of meeting is published pursuant to section 3(A) of the Government in the Sunshine Act (Pub. L. No. 94-409), 5 U.S.C. 552B:

AGENCY HOLDING MEETING: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

DATE AND TIME: February 11, 1998, 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Room 2C, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Agenda.

***Note**—Items listed on the agenda may be deleted without further notice.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: David P. Boergers, Acting Secretary, telephone (202) 208-0400. For a recording listing items stricken from or added to the meeting, call (202) 208-1627.

This is a list of matters to be considered by the Commission. It does not include a listing of all papers relevant to the items on the agenda; however, all public documents may be examined in the Reference and Information Center.

Consent Agenda—Hydro

692nd Meeting—February 11, 1998

Regular Meeting (10:00 a.m.)

CAH-1.

Docket# P-1651, 018, Swift Creek Power Company, Inc.

CAH-2.

Docket# P-1922, 019, Ketchikan Public Utilities

CAH-3.

Docket# P-2614, 024, City of Hamilton, Ohio

CAH-4.

Docket# P-2744, 028, N.E.W. Hydro, Inc.

CAH-5.

Docket# P-2833, 063, Public Utility District No. 1 of Lewis County, Washington

CAH-6.

Omitted

CAH-7.

Docket# P-2494, 008, Puget Sound Energy, Inc.

Consent Agenda—Electric

CAE-1.

Docket# ER97-1508, 000, Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.

CAE-2.

Docket# ER97-4422, 000, Cinergy Services, Inc. and PSI Energy, Inc.

CAE-3.

Docket# ER98-1285, 000, Public Service Company of New Mexico

CAE-4.

Docket# ER98-1292, 000, Dayton Power and Light Company
Other#s EL98-20, 000, Dayton Power and Light Company

CAE-5.

Docket# ER98-1121, 000, Tucson Electric Power Company

CAE-6.

Docket# ER97-4829, 000, PP&L, Inc.
Other#s EL98-25, 000, PP&L, Inc.
ER97-3189, 007, PP&L, Inc.
ER97-4830, 000, PP&L, Inc.

CAE-7.

Docket# ER98-1149, 000, Southern Energy Retail Trading and Marketing, Inc.

CAE-8.

Docket# ER98-1150, 000, Tucson Electric Power Company

CAE-9.

Docket# ER98-1127, 000, El Segundo Power, LLC

CAE-10.

Docket# ER97-4463, 000, Northern States Power Company (Minnesota) and Northern States Power Company (Wisconsin)

CAE-11.

Docket# ER98-11, 000, Long Island Lighting Company
Other#s EL98-22, 000, Long Island Lighting Company

CAE-12.

Docket# ER98-1170, 000, Cleco Energy, L.L.C.

CAE-13.

Docket# ER98-1096, 000, Southern Company Services, Inc.
Other#s EL98-24, 000, Southern Company Services, Inc.
ER94-1348, 000, Southern Company Services, Inc.