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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Before Commissioners: Kevin J. McIntyre, Chairman;
Cheryl A. LaFleur, Neil Chatterjee,
Robert F. Powelson, and Richard Glick.

Grid Resilience in Regional Transmission Organizations
and Independent System Operators

Docket No. AD18-7-000

ORDER EXTENDING TIME FOR COMMENTS

(Issued March 20, 2018)

1. On January 8, 2018, the Commission issued an order terminating the proceeding initiated in Docket No. RM18-1-000 and initiated a new proceeding in Docket No. AD18-7-000 to evaluate the resilience of the bulk power system in the regions operated by the Regional Transmission Organizations and the Independent System Operators (RTOs/ISOs).¹ In that order, the Commission directed the RTOs/ISOs to submit information to the Commission on certain identified resilience issues and concerns within 60 days and allowed interested entities to submit reply comments 30 days thereafter. The RTOs/ISOs submitted their information to the Commission on March 9, 2018.

2. On March 14, 2018, the Advanced Energy Economy, American Council on Renewable Energy, American Petroleum Institute, American Wind Energy Association, American Public Power Association, Electric Power Supply Association, Electricity Consumers Resource Council, Interstate Natural Gas Association of America, Independent Petroleum Association of America, Natural Gas Supply Association, and Solar Energy Industries Association (collectively, the Associations) filed a motion requesting an extension of time of 30 days for interested entities to file comments in response to the RTOs/ISOs' filings. The Associations argue for more time because the

¹ *Grid Reliability and Resilience Pricing*, 162 FERC ¶ 61,012 (2018) (January 8 Order).

RTO/ISO filings are “significant, and will require substantial time and effort . . . to digest and analyze.”²

3. The resilience of the bulk power system is a priority of this Commission and a critical issue for the American people and for our economy and national security. Therefore, the Commission believes our work on this matter will benefit from a robust record and as much relevant information and thoughtful input as possible. Although the January 8 Order’s description of the comment process characterized the comments from interested entities as “reply” comments, we appreciate that interested entities may not only want to respond directly to the express content of the RTOs/ISOs’ submissions, but also to provide their own independent perspectives and recommendations with regard to grid resilience. It is imperative that we base our next steps on the best available information, and we encourage input from stakeholders across the energy spectrum. Extending the time for comments will help us achieve those objectives. In light of these considerations, the Commission has decided to extend the time for interested entities to submit their comments under the January 8 Order by 30 days – to May 9, 2018.

4. Because we are extending the time for interested entities to submit comments, as discussed above, the Associations’ motion is moot.

The Commission orders:

The time for interested entities to submit comments in this proceeding is hereby extended 30 days, as discussed in the body of this order, and the Associations’ motion is hereby denied as moot.

By the Commission.

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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

² Motion at 2.

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