



# STATEMENT

## Office of External Affairs

### Visitors to FERC

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Congress passed the [REAL ID Act](#) in 2005 in response to the 9/11 Commission's recommendation that the Federal Government "set standards for the issuance of sources of identification, such as driver's licenses." The Act established minimum security standards for state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards and prohibits Federal agencies from accepting, for official purposes, licenses and identification cards from states that do not meet these standards. Visitors seeking access to FERC and other Federal facilities using their state-issued driver's licenses or identification cards must present proper identification issued by REAL ID compliant states or a state that has received an extension.

Starting January 20, 2017, FERC will not be accepting driver's licenses and state ID's for facility access from non-compliant states. Compliance with REAL ID requirements can be tracked on the Department of Homeland Security's [website](#).

Here is a list of TSA-approved IDs that can be used by visitors to FERC:

- Driver's licenses or other state photo identity cards issued by Department of Motor Vehicles (or equivalent) and REAL ID compliant
- U.S. passport
- U.S. passport card
- DHS trusted traveler cards (Global Entry, NEXUS, SENTRI, FAST)
- U.S. military ID (active duty or retired military and their dependents, and DoD civilians)
- Permanent resident card
- Border crossing card
- DHS-designated enhanced driver's license
- Airline or airport-issued ID (if issued under a TSA-approved security plan)
- Federally recognized, tribal-issued photo ID
- HSPD-12 PIV card
- Foreign government-issued passport
- Canadian provincial driver's license or Indian and Northern Affairs Canada card
- Transportation worker identification credential
- U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Employment Authorization Card (I-766)
- U.S. Merchant Mariner Credential