FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20426

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Dear Regulated Entity,

This letter is to address an administrative change the Commission is making to reduce the amount of paper and direct mail associated with its Annual Charge Assessments (per 18 C.F.R. §382). Most important, is the Commission's implementation of an electronic billing and payment interface with the Department of Treasury's Pay.gov system. Since its inception in October 2000, Pay.gov has handled more than 16 million ACH debit and credit transactions totaling more than \$46.6 billion. Nearly 250 federal agencies use Pay.gov's collections, billing/notification, forms, reporting service, and verification service components.

In June, as part of the Commission's FY 2007 assessment process, your company will receive its Annual Charge Assessment statement and payment instructions via e-mail from Pay.gov. At the same time, the Commission will post your industries' Annual Charge Assessment Tables under the industry-specific sections of its website (<u>http://www.ferc.gov/industries/industries.asp</u>). Together, these two communications will contain the same information your company formerly received via U.S. mail.

To make this transition as smooth and seamless as possible, the Commission is asking companies to complete the following steps:

- 1. Complete the Annual Charges Contact Information form currently available at 1. Complete the Annual Charges Contact Information form currently available at 1. Please note that the Commission requests a minimum of two (2) company e-mail addresses to receive your companies' billing notification.
- Complete your companies' Pay.gov registration by navigating to <u>https://www.pay.gov/paygov/accounts/selfEnrollmentRob.html</u>. You will only complete this process once.

Once you receive your Annual Charge Assessment statement via e-mail, you can click on the link in the e-mail and login to Pay.gov to view your bill. To pay your bill, simply enter the amount of your payment and click "Send" by 8:55pm (EST) the day before the statement due date. You will automatically receive a confirmation number from Pay.gov and you will be able to view the record for up to 120 days.

If you have any questions regarding this update to the Commission's assessment process, please send an e-mail to <u>AnnualCharges@ferc.gov</u> or contact me directly at (202) 502-6161.

Respectfully,

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