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Commission Meeting Summaries

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G-1 – Press Release

FERC addresses and terminates a Federal Power Act section 206 proceeding

E-1, *ISO New England Inc.*, Docket No. EL19-90-000. The order finds that there is insufficient evidence in the record to determine under FPA section 206 that ISO-NE's implementation of the exemption for immediate need reliability projects is unjust, unreasonable, or unduly discriminatory or preferential, and terminates the FPA section 206 proceeding initiated in this docket.

FERC addresses a Federal Power Act section 206 proceeding, directs a further compliance filing

E-2, *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*, Docket No. EL19-91-000. The order finds that PJM is implementing the immediate need reliability project exemption in a manner that is inconsistent with certain criteria that apply to the immediate need reliability project exemption, and thus finds that PJM's implementation of the exemption for immediate need reliability projects is unjust and unreasonable. The order directs PJM to implement certain criteria more fully and transparently on a prospective basis and to submit a compliance filing.

FERC addresses and terminates a Federal Power Act section 206 proceeding

E-3, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*, Docket No. EL19-92-000. The order finds that there is insufficient evidence in the record to find under FPA section 206 that SPP's implementation of the exemption for immediate need reliability projects is unjust,

unreasonable, or unduly discriminatory or preferential, and terminates the FPA section 206 proceeding initiated in this docket.

FERC revises reporting requirements

E-4, *Filing Requirements for Electric Utility Service Agreements*, Docket No. RM01-8-000, *et al.* The order revises the Commission's Electric Quarterly Report (EQR) reporting requirements to require time zone information to be reported in connection with transmission capacity reassignments and clarifies the information that should be reported in the EQR with respect to ancillary services, including black start service, and tariff-related information. .

FERC seeks comments in a Notice of Inquiry on reliability standards

E-5, *Potential Enhancements to the Critical Infrastructure Protection Reliability Standards*, Docket No. RM20-12-000. The Notice of Inquiry seeks comment on certain potential enhancements to the currently effective Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) Reliability Standards. Specifically, the Notice of Inquiry seeks comment on whether the CIP Reliability Standards adequately address cybersecurity risks pertaining to data security, detection of anomalies and events and mitigation of cybersecurity events. In addition, the Notice of Inquiry seeks comment on the potential risk of a coordinated cyberattack on geographically distributed targets and whether Commission action, including potential modifications to the CIP Reliability Standards, would be appropriate to address such risk.

FERC accepts a filing

E-8, *ISO New England Inc.*, Docket No. ER19-1428-003. In this order, the Commission accepts as a just and reasonable short-term solution ISO-NE's filing creating an Inventoried Energy Program to compensate resources for maintaining inventoried energy during the winter months of 2023-2024 and 2024-2025.

FERC accepts a compliance filing

E-11, *Entergy Services, Inc.*, Docket No. ER11-3658-001, *et al.* The order accepts a compliance filing consisting of a comprehensive recalculation of the bandwidth formula rate in accordance with Opinion No. 560.

FERC denies rehearing and grants clarification

E-12, *Commonwealth Edison Co.*, Docket No. ER18-899-002, *et al.* The order denies rehearing and grants clarification of the September 7, 2018 order in this proceeding. The September 2018 Order rejected proposed revisions to Commonwealth Edison Company,

Delmarva Power & Light Company, Atlantic City Electric Company, and Potomac Electric Power Company formula transmission rates.

FERC denies rehearing, and accepts proposed tariff revisions, subject to further compliance filing

E-13, *Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.*, Docket No. ER19-1823-002, *et al.* The order accepts, subject to a further compliance filing, MISO's proposed tariff revisions in compliance with the requirements of Order Nos. 845 and 845-A, and the Commission's order on compliance issued on December 20, 2019. The order also denies a request for rehearing of the December 20, 2019 order.

FERC accepts proposed tariff revisions, subject to further compliance filing

E-14, *NorthWestern Corporation*, Docket No. ER19-1943-002. The order accepts, subject to a further compliance filing, NorthWestern's proposed tariff revisions in compliance with the requirements of Order Nos. 845 and 845-A, and the Commission's order on compliance issued January 24, 2020.

FERC accepts proposed tariff revisions

E-16, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*, Docket No. ER19-1954-001. The order accepts SPP's proposed tariff revisions in compliance with the requirements of Order Nos. 845 and 845-A and the Commission's order on compliance issued January 23, 2020.

FERC denies rehearing and grants clarification

E-17, *California Independent System Operator Corp.*, Docket No. ER19-2347-001. The order denies rehearing and grants clarification of the Commission's September 30, 2019 order addressing revisions to the California Independent System Operator Corporation's tariff related to the western Energy Imbalance Market.

FERC denies a complaint

E-19, *Anbaric Development Partners, L.L.C. v. PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*, Docket No. EL20-10-00. The order denies Anbaric Development Partners' complaint against PJM that alleges PJM's tariff is unjust and unreasonable because it fails to provide Transmission Injection Rights to transmission platform projects – offshore merchant transmission lines intended to connect to prospective offshore wind generation.

FERC denies a complaint

E-20, *Harbor Cogeneration Company, LLC v. Southern California Edison Company*, Docket No. EL19-82-001. The order denies rehearing of the Commission's October 24, 2019 order denying Harbor's complaint against Southern California Edison Company (SoCal Edison) alleging that SoCal Edison violated provisions of its Transmission Owner Tariff by assessing and collecting charges from Harbor related to network facilities during the period from June 10, 1999 through December 21, 2018.

FERC denies a complaint

E-21, *National Railroad Passenger Corporation v. PPL Electric Utilities Corporation and PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*, Docket No. EL19-78-000. The order denies National Railroad Passenger Corporation's (Amtrak) complaint against PPL and PJM alleging that the rates Amtrak is being charged for transmission service by PPL and PJM are unjust, unreasonable, and unduly discriminatory and that PJM, which administers the PJM Open Access Transmission Tariff, has not prevented such actions.

FERC grants unopposed request for a declaratory order

E-22, *LS Power Grid California, LLC*, Docket No. EL20-29-000. The order grants LS Power Grid California's unopposed request for a declaratory order regarding four transmission incentives that it seeks in accordance with section 219 of the Federal Power Act, Commission Order No. 679 and the 2012 transmission policy statement.

FERC dismisses compliance filing as moot

E-26, *Electric Energy, Inc.*, Docket No. ER19-1931-001. The order dismisses as moot Electric Energy, Inc.'s proposed tariff revisions to comply with the requirements of Order Nos. 845 and 845-A.

FERC accepts proposed tariff revisions, directs further compliance filing

E-27, *Tucson Electric Power Company*, Docket No. ER19-1934-003. The order accepts, subject to a further compliance filing, Tucson Electric Power Company's proposed tariff revisions in compliance with the requirements of Order Nos. 845 and 845-A, and the Commission's order on compliance issued January 24, 2020.

FERC accepts proposed tariff revisions, directs further compliance filing

E-28, *UNS Electric, Inc.*, Docket No. ER19-1935-002. The order accepts, subject to a further compliance filing, UNS Electric, Inc.'s proposed tariff revisions in compliance with the requirements of Order Nos. 845 and 845-A, and the Commission's order on compliance issued January 24, 2020.

FERC accepts, in part, and denies, in part, an accounting filing

G-2, *Alliance Pipeline L.P.*, Docket No. AC19-95-000. The order accepts, in part, and denies, in part, Alliance's filing seeking approval of certain accounting entries with respect to its deferred tax balances and income taxes.

FERC denies a complaint

G-3, *Betelgeuse Energy, LLC v. El Paso Natural Gas Company, L.L.C.*, Docket No. RP20-521-000, The order denies a complaint objecting to El Paso Natural Gas Company, L.L.C.'s rejection of a marketer's non-conforming bids in two open seasons.

FERC grants clarification and denies rehearing

G-4, *Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company, LP.*, Docket No. RP19-1523-003, *et al.* The order grants clarification and denies rehearing of a September 30, 2019 order addressing Panhandle's filing of a new Natural Gas Act (NGA) section 4 rate case during a pending NGA section 5 investigation. The order also dismisses a motion to terminate an ongoing NGA section 5 proceeding.

FERC grants request and finds waiver of Clean Water Act authority

H-1, *Merced Irrigation District*, Project Nos. 2467-020 and 2179-043. The order grants Merced Irrigation District's May 22, 2019 request that the Commission find that the California State Water Resources Control Board waived its authority under section 401 of the Clean Water Act by failing to act within one year on the 401 certification requests submitted for the Merced Falls Project No. 2467, located on the Merced River in Mariposa County and for the Merced River Project No. 2179, located on the Merced River on the border of Merced and Mariposa counties, California.

FERC grants request and finds waiver of Clean Water Act authority

H-2, *South Feather Water and Power Agency*, Project No. 2088-068. The order grants South Feather Water and Power Agency's request that the Commission find that the California State Water Resources Control Board waived its authority under section 401 of the Clean Water Act by failing to act within one year on the 401 certification request submitted for the South Feather Power Project No. 2088, located along the South Fork Feather River, Lost Creek, and Slate Creek in Butte, Yuba, and Plumas counties, California.

FERC denies clarification, dismisses request for rehearing

H-3, *Idaho Power Company*, Project No. 1971-129. The order denies the request for clarification or rehearing of the Commission Secretary's March 3, 2020 notice denying

Pacific Rivers Council's motion for late intervention in the relicensing proceeding for Hells Canyon Project No. 1971. The order affirms that Pacific Rivers is not a party to the relicensing proceeding by virtue of its participation in the declaratory order proceeding.

FERC grants authority to construct and operate new natural gas facilities

C-1, *Texas Eastern Transmission LP*, Docket No. CP19-512-000. The order grants authority to Texas Eastern to construct and operate the Cameron Extension Project in Louisiana. The project is designed to deliver 750,000 dekatherms per day of firm transportation service to the Venture Global Calcasieu Pass LNG export terminal. The project will consist of a new 30,000 horsepower compressor unit in Calcasieu Parish; a 0.2-mile-long, 30-inch-diameter interconnect with the TransCameron Pipeline in Cameron Parish; metering and regulation stations in Beauregard Parish and Jefferson Davis Parish; installation of a filter separator and regulator at an existing compressor station in Beauregard Parish; and modifications to launcher and receiver facilities at three existing sites.

FERC grants authority for expansion of interstate natural gas facilities

C-2, *Gulf South Pipeline Company, LLC*, Docket No. CP19-517-000. The order grants authority to Gulf South to construct and operate its proposed Lamar County Expansion Project to be located in Lamar and Forrest counties, Mississippi. Gulf South requested authorizations to construct and operate a new 5,000 horsepower compressor station; a 3.4 mile, 20-inch-diameter pipeline lateral; and a new delivery meter station.

FERC denies and/or dismisses a request for rehearing and stay

C-3, *PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC*, Docket No. CP19-78-001. The order denies and/or dismisses a request for rehearing of the Commission's March 19, 2020 order authorizing an amendment to PennEast Pipeline Company's certificate granted in Docket No. CP15-558-000. The order also dismisses a request for stay of that order.

FERC demands response to a show cause order

C-4, *New Fortress Energy LLC*, Docket No. CP20-466-000. The order directs New Fortress Energy to show cause why the liquified natural gas facility it has constructed and placed into service in San Juan, Puerto Rico is not subject to the Commission's jurisdiction under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act.

FERC authorizes proposed amendments to an LNG project

C-5, *Magnolia LNG LLC*, Docket No. CP19-19-000. The order approves an application by Magnolia LNG to amend its authorization to site, construct, and operate the Magnolia LNG Project for the liquefaction and export of liquefied natural gas (LNG) near Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana. Specifically, Magnolia LNG seeks to increase the authorized total LNG production capacity of the Magnolia LNG Project from 8.0 million

metric tons per annum (MTPA) to 8.8 MTPA. The order finds that the proposal is consistent with the public interest and, therefore, grants the requested amendment.

FERC grants authority to construct and operate new natural gas facilities

C-6, *Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC*, Docket No. CP19-14-000. The order authorizes Mountain Valley to construct and operate the proposed Southgate Project that would include approximately 754 miles of natural gas pipeline and associated aboveground facilities in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, and Rockingham and Alamance counties, North Carolina. The Southgate Project would provide up to 375,000 dekatherms per day of firm transportation service from an interconnect with Mountain Valley's mainline system in Pittsylvania County, Virginia to Dominion Energy North Carolina's local distribution facilities in Rockingham and Alamance counties, North Carolina.

FERC grants authority to construct and operate new natural gas facilities

C-7, *ANR Pipeline Company*, Docket No. CP20-8-000. The order grants ANR authorization to construct and operate its proposed Grand Chenier XPress Project to be located in Acadia, Jefferson Davis, and Cameron parishes, Louisiana. ANR requested authorizations to construct and operate a new 23,470 horsepower compressor station, modify two existing compressor stations, increase delivery capability at an existing meter station and abandon an existing compressor unit.

FERC grants authority to construct and operate new natural gas facilities

C-9, *Portland Natural Gas Transmission System*, Docket No. CP20-16-000. The order grants Portland's November 18, 2019 application seeking authorization for Phases II and III of its proposed Westbrook XPress Project. The project is designed to increase the certificated capacity on Portland's wholly owned north system by 80,998 Mcf/d and to increase the certificated capacity on the portion of its system jointly owned with Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C. by 50,199 Mcf/d.