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## Happy Holidays from Chairman Phillips

We at FERC wish you all the happiest of holidays! We have had a tremendously busy 2023, with a main focus on reliability of the grid. I invite you to read my [Chairman's reliability report](#) to learn more about our activities in 2023—and know that we will continue to focus on reliability. The coming year also will be busy as we expect to build on our historic transmission interconnection reform rule issued last July. I told you then that we were **“just getting started,”** and I meant it. Finally, we will continue to build on the foundation we have laid for continuing to incorporate Environmental Justice and Equity in the work we do at the Commission. I look forward to working with you all in 2024!

**A Year in Review**

## FERC Secretary Kimberly Bose Retiring from Public Service



Chairman Willie Phillips awarded Secretary Bose the Career Service Award and the Chairman's Medal to mark her retirement after 37 years of public service. **“Thank you for the example, for being a mentor to me and for the advice you provided, and the outstanding human that you are,”** Chairman Phillips said.

## Blackstart Study Recommends Collaboration, Planning for Resilience



The [study](#), prepared by staff from FERC, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation and the Texas Regional Entity, evaluated the availability of **“blackstart”** resources in the Texas Interconnection during extreme cold weather conditions.

**Presentation & Report**

## FERC Launches Inquiry into Financial Company Investment Interests in Utilities



FERC launched an [inquiry](#) into whether and how to revise its policy on financial investment company ownership of electric utilities.

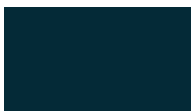
# Commissioner Danly's Farewell



FERC Commissioner James Danly bid farewell to the Commission and its staff at the December 19 Commission Meeting after serving at the Commission for seven years. He was nominated to be a Commissioner on February 12, 2020, and confirmed by the United States Senate on March 12, 2020.

*"Commissioner Danly has served many roles here at FERC. He has served as General Counsel. He has served as Commissioner. And he has served as Chairman. And I'm not sure a lot of people know this, but before Commissioner Danly came to the Commission, he also had a life of public service. He had a career: He served the nation as a U.S. Army officer, completing tours in Iraq and receiving a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart. Commissioner Danly, on behalf of staff and all our colleagues here, I have to say thank you for your service to FERC, thank you for your service to this nation, and thank you for significantly adding to the discourse at this Commission."*

- Chairman Willie Phillips



## FERC - NARUC Joint Task Force on Transmission

The next [public meeting](#) of the Task Force will be at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 28, 2024, in Washington, D.C.



## Commission Meeting: December 19, 2023

Learn more about the presentations and orders from this month's Meeting. [Watch](#) | [Summaries](#) | [Press Conference](#)



## Lessons Learned from 2023 CIP Audits

The [report](#) provides recommendations to help the bulk electric system improve mandatory Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) reliability standards.

## FERC Events

- **DECEMBER 25, 2023 - MONDAY**  
FERC offices closed | Christmas Day
- **JANUARY 1, 2024 - MONDAY**  
FERC offices closed | New Year's Day
- **JANUARY 18, 2024 - THURSDAY**  
[Open Commission Meeting](#)

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