

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

**NEW PROCEDURES FOR CERTIFICATIONS
OF UNCONTESTED SETTLEMENTS TO THE COMMISSION**

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Effective immediately all certifications of uncontested settlements to the Commission will include as an attachment a Draft Commission Letter Order approving the proposed settlement. In addition, certifications of uncontested settlements will now contain more detailed information on the history of the case, the provisions of the proposed settlement, and the comments thereto. This new procedure is the result of a FERC First! recommendation. It will reduce the staff review process and will expedite Commission approval of uncontested settlements.

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