

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Strategic Plan FY 2006 – FY 2011

Mission

Regulate and oversee energy industries in the economic, environmental, and safety interests of the American public.

Vision

Abundant, reliable energy in a fair competitive market.

Guiding Principles that Strengthen the Commission's Overall Performance

To fulfill its Mission, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission commits to...

Organizational Excellence

Use resources efficiently and effectively to achieve its strategic priorities.

Due Process & Transparency

Complete regulatory proceedings in an open and fair manner, consistent with established regulations.

Regulatory Certainty

Provide regulatory certainty through consistent Commission approaches and actions.

Stakeholder Involvement

Ensure that interested parties are informed and provided an appropriate opportunity to participate in Commission proceedings.

Timeliness

Act on regulatory matters in an expeditious manner.

Goal 1: Energy Infrastructure

Promote the Development of a Strong Energy Infrastructure

Objective A: Stimulate Appropriate Infrastructure Development

- Resolve regulatory and other challenges to needed development
- Encourage investment and effect timely cost recovery

Objective B: Maintain a Reliable and Safe Infrastructure

- Assure reliability of interstate transmission grid
- Protect safety at LNG and hydropower facilities
- Incorporate environmental considerations into Commission decisions

Goal 2: Competitive Markets

Support Competitive Markets

Objective A: Develop Rules that Encourage Fair and Efficient Competitive Markets

- Employ best practices in market rules
- Reduce barriers to trade between markets and among regions

Objective B: Prevent Accumulation and Exercise of Market Power

- Assure proposed mergers and acquisitions are in the public interest
- Address market power in jurisdictional wholesale markets

Goal 3: Enforcement

Prevent Market Manipulation

Objective A: Provide Vigilant Oversight

• Identify and remedy problems with structure and operations in energy markets

Objective B: Provide Firm but Fair Enforcement

- Establish clear and fair processes
- Conduct investigations promptly and impose penalties where appropriate
- Encourage self-policing and -reporting of violations

