

Closing Remarks:

4:15 p.m.–4:30 p.m.

The Commissioners and staff may ask questions at the conclusion of presentations. All interested persons may file written comments following the technical conference on or before January 26, 2007.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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[Docket No. RM06–16–000]

Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk-Power System

November 27, 2006.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Notice granting in part motions for extension of time to file comments and announcing rulemaking proceeding.

SUMMARY: On October 20, 2006, the Commission issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on mandatory reliability standards for the Bulk-Power System. 71 FR 64770 (November 3, 2006). The Commission is extending the date to file comments on the proposed rule at the request of Edison Electric Institute and the ISO/RTO Council and is establishing a comment period for twenty revised proposed Reliability Standards that were filed in this docket on behalf of the North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC). The Commission is also opening a new rulemaking proceeding for three new proposed Reliability Standards that were filed by NERC.

DATES: Comments on the NOPR are due January 3, 2007. Comments on NERC's twenty revised proposed Reliability Standards are due January 3, 2007.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. RM06–16–000, by one of the following methods:

- *Agency Web site:* <http://ferc.gov>.

Follow the instructions for submitting comments via the eFiling link found in the Comment Procedures section of the Preamble.

- *Mail:* Commenters unable to file comments electronically must mail or hand deliver an original and 14 copies of their comments to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Secretary, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Refer to the Comment Procedures section of the

preamble for additional information on how to file paper comments.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk-Power System, Docket No. RM06–16–000.

Facilities Design, Connections and Maintenance Reliability Standards, Docket No. RM07–3–000.

On October 20, 2006, in Docket No. RM06–16–000, the Commission issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR) on Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk-Power System.¹ Comments on the NOPR are due 60 days after publication in the *Federal Register*, or January 2, 2007. On November 17, 2006 and November 22, 2006, Edison Electric Institute (EEI) and the ISO/RTO Council, respectively, requested a seven day extension to file comments.

On November 15, 2006, the North American Electric Reliability Council, on behalf of its affiliate, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC Corporation, and collectively NERC), filed 20 revised proposed Reliability Standards and three new proposed Reliability Standards for Commission approval. The Commission certified NERC Corporation as the Electric Reliability Organization (ERO) pursuant to section 215 of the Federal Power Act in an order issued July 20, 2006 in Docket No. RR06–1–000.

NERC requested that the 20 revised proposed Reliability Standards be included as part of the NOPR issued by the Commission in Docket No. RM06–16–000. Because of their close relationship with Reliability Standards dealt with in the October 20, 2006 NOPR, the Commission will address these 20 Reliability Standards as part of that proceeding. The 20 revised proposed Reliability Standards are:

CIP–001–1—Sabotage Reporting
COM–001–1—Telecommunications
COM–002–2—Communications and Coordination
EOP–002–2—Capacity and Energy Emergencies
EOP–003–1—Load Shedding Plans
EOP–004–1—Disturbance Reporting
EOP–006–1—Reliability Coordination—System Restoration
INT–001–2—Interchange Information
INT–003–2—Interchange Transaction Information

¹ Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk-Power System, 117 FERC ¶ 61,084 (2006), 71 FR 64770 (November 3, 2006).

IRO–001–1—Reliability Coordination—Responsibilities and Authorities
IRO–002–1—Reliability Coordination—Facilities
IRO–003–2—Reliability Coordination—Wide-Area View
IRO–005–2—Reliability Coordination—Current-Day Operations
PER–004–1—Reliability Coordination—Staffing
PRC–001–1—System Protection Coordination
TOP–001–1—Reliability Responsibilities and Authorities
TOP–002–2—Normal Operations Planning
TOP–004–1—Transmission Operations
TOP–006–1—Monitoring System Conditions
TOP–008–1—Response to Transmission Limit Violations

Comments on these 20 revised proposed Reliability Standards should be submitted by January 3, 2007, in Docket No. RM06–16–000. In addition, the deadline for filing comments on the NOPR is extended to January 3, 2007. Accordingly, the requests for extension of time filed by EEI and the ISO/RTO Council are granted to the limited extent set forth here.

The Commission is also opening a new Docket No. RM07–3–000 for processing the three new proposed Reliability Standards. No preliminary comments are being sought at this time. A proposed rulemaking will be issued later, and we will allow comments then. The three proposed new Reliability Standards included in this docket are:

FAC–010–1—System Operating Limits Methodology for the Planning
FAC–011–1—System Operating Limits Methodology for the Operations Horizon
FAC–014–1—Establish and Communicate System Operating Limits

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