

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission FACT SHEET November 15, 2007 Entergy Gulf States Docket No. EC07-70-000

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) has authorized Entergy Gulf States' acquisition of Calcasieu Power's 310-megawatt generating plant in Louisiana

Background

Entergy Gulf States and Calcasieu Power, LLC filed an application with the Commission seeking authorization under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act for Calcasieu Power to sell, and Entergy Gulf States to acquire, a 310 MW natural gas-fired combustion turbine generating facility located in Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana.

Section 203 of the Federal Power Act requires FERC to approve such a transaction if it is consistent with the public interest. In considering whether a proposed transaction is consistent with the public interest, FERC generally considers three factors: (1) the effect of the transaction on competition, (2) the effect on rates, and (3) the effect on regulation. The Commission must also determine that the transaction will not result in inappropriate cross-subsidization of a non-utility associate company or an inappropriate pledge or encumbrance of utility assets that would benefit an associate company.

The Order

The Commission found that the transaction does not harm competition in light of the competitive facts of the case. The Commission noted that the facility in question is a peaking plant that has historically run for only approximately 50 hours per year and Entergy Gulf States has no incentive to withhold the facility from the market.

The FERC decision may be viewed at www.ferc.gov.
