



**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
FACT SHEET
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FERC Acts to Improve Power Market
in Northern Maine
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Docket No. ER07-1251-000 & ER07-1251-001**

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission today conditionally accepted Northern Maine Independent System Administrator, Inc.'s (NMISA) revised tariff and market rules stating that the proposed revisions appropriately set out necessary capacity obligations and will ensure greater system reliability.

Background

NMISA is a Commission-approved independent system administrator and regional transmission group that encompasses the transmission systems of all Commission jurisdictional and non-jurisdictional utilities in Northern Maine. These transmission systems are not interconnected with the rest of New England or any other domestic electric system. The region's only access to the New England transmission system is through Canadian transmission facilities owned by New Brunswick Power Corp.

The Order

The revised tariff is the product of negotiations between NMISA and the Maine Public Utilities Commission. The revisions clarify capacity obligations in Northern Maine, expand NMISA's sanctioning authority and make various administrative revisions to accommodate changes in the New Brunswick market. The Commission accepted the revised market rules allowing greater sanctioning authority to NMISA as a means to ensure more efficient market operations and system reliability. The revisions also synchronize the Northern Maine market with the New Brunswick market.