

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Filing Via the Internet

Docket No. RM07-16-000

NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC FILING DEMONSTRATION

(February 8, 2008)

Take notice that the Commission Staff (Staff) will demonstrate the next release of its electronic filing system on Tuesday, February 19, 2008, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

The demonstration will be held in the Commission Meeting Room at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

The new release, referred to as eFiling v7.0, is scheduled to be placed into production on March 3, 2008, and will implement the provisions of Commission Order No 703, issued November 15, 2007.<sup>1</sup> The major enhancements introduced with eFiling v7.0 are summarized in the Attachment to this notice.

The electronic filing demonstration is open to all interested persons. A free web cast of this event is also available through [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov), for persons unable to attend the demonstration. Anyone with Internet access who desires to view this event can do so by navigating to [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)'s Calendar of Events and locating this event in the Calendar. The event will contain a link to its web cast. The Capitol Connection provides technical support for the free web casts and also offers access to this event via television in the DC area and via Phone Bridge for a fee. If you have any questions, visit [www.CapitolConnection.org](http://www.CapitolConnection.org) or contact Danelle Springer or David Reininger at 703-993-3100.

Kimberly D. Bose,  
Secretary.

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<sup>1</sup> Filing Via the Internet, Order No. 703, 72 FR 65,659 (November 23, 2007), FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 61,171 ¶ 31,259 (2007) (Order No. 703).

## Major Enhancements in eFiling v7.0

The eFiling v7.0 release is a major expansion of the Commission's electronic filing program. While there are revisions to the menu choices and screen designs, the basic submission process remains similar to the current version. Filers select a filing type, select the docket they are filing under (if applicable), upload the file(s), select the filing party(ies), specify the persons responsible for the filing, edit the description for the filing, and submit it.

The submitter and all persons identified in each submission must have validated eRegistration accounts. The deadline for filing in order to receive that day's filing date remains 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The time of filing will continue to be determined when the files are uploaded, even though it may take a few more minutes to complete the remaining screens.

There is an optional document-less intervention process that may be used in lieu of the traditional file attachment method. The document-less alternative is for intervention only and should not be used to file comments, protests, or other motions in a proceeding.

There is a new Quick Comment feature designed primarily for persons not familiar with FERC procedures or the eFiling system to submit text comments in P (Hydropower), PF (Natural Gas Pre-filing Activity), and CP (Natural Gas Pipeline Certificate Applications) Dockets. The Quick Comment system does not require an eRegistration account.

Other enhancements include:

1. The ability to securely submit documents containing Public, Privileged/Confidential, and/or Critical Energy Infrastructure Information (CEII).<sup>2</sup> The expansion to accommodate Privileged files will not include material that is subject to a Protective Order issued by an Administrative Law Judge or filed with a request for Protected treatment and draft Protective Order.
2. A significant increase in the number of files that can be attached to a single submission. Each security class (Public, Privileged, and CEII) can

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<sup>2</sup> The Commission discontinued the Non-Internet Public (NIP) security classification in Order No. 702 (issued October 30, 2007), effective December 14, 2007. Information that previously would have been designated NIP must now be classified as either Public or CEII, depending on the content of the material.

accommodate up to 200 files. The system will accept .zip files to simplify the file selection and attachment process for larger filings, but each file within a .zip file counts against the 200 file limit for each security class.

3. An increase in maximum file size to 50 MB. Large files are more difficult to download. File sizes in most cases, particularly for text files, should not exceed 10 Mb. The 50 MB limit is primarily intended to accommodate maps and drawings that cannot be reduced to a smaller file size.
4. The addition of certain Privileged and CEII material to eFiling necessitates changes to the email acknowledgments. The Confirmation of Receipt email will refer to a Submission Identification Number instead of an Accession Number. This change is necessary to prevent disclosure of Privileged and CEII material now eligible for eFiling. The Acceptance for Filing email will contain the Parent Accession Number assigned to the filing and a link to the document. Access to any Privileged or CEII content will be controlled by the eLibrary access privileges.