

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: 2018-03-30 Entergy Att O Revisions Re Tax Rate Change to be effective 6/1/2018.

*Filed Date:* 3/30/18.

*Accession Number:* 20180330-5223.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 4/20/18.

*Docket Numbers:* ER18-1261-000.

*Applicants:* New York Independent System Operator, Inc.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: 205 filing re: Price Correction Deadlines to be effective 5/30/2018.

*Filed Date:* 3/30/18.

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*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 4/20/18.

Take notice that the Commission received the following foreign utility company status filings:

*Docket Numbers:* FC18-4-000.

*Applicants:* I Squared Capital.

*Description:* Self-Certification of FC of I Squared Capital.

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The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the links or querying the docket number.

Any person desiring to intervene or protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.

eFiling is encouraged. More detailed information relating to filing requirements, interventions, protests, service, and qualifying facilities filings can be found at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/filing-req.pdf>. For other information, call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Dated: March 30, 2018.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD10-12-009]

#### Increasing Market and Planning Efficiency and Enhancing Resilience Through Improved Software; Notice of Technical Conference: Increasing Real-Time and Day-Ahead Market Efficiency and Enhancing Resilience Through Improved Software

Take notice that Commission staff will convene a technical conference on June 26, 27, and 28, 2018 to discuss opportunities for increasing real-time and day-ahead market efficiency and enhancing the resilience of the bulk power system through improved software. A detailed agenda with the list of and times for the selected speakers will be published on the Commission's website<sup>1</sup> after May 11, 2018.

Staff has held eight similar conferences in this proceeding, all focused on enhancing market efficiency. The Commission has recently initiated a proceeding in Docket No. AD18-7 to explore bulk power system resilience issues and intends to expand the scope of the 2018 conference to include opportunities for enhancing resilience through improved software. As in past conferences, this conference will bring together experts from diverse backgrounds and experiences, including electric system operators, software developers, government, research centers and academia for the purposes of stimulating discussion, sharing information, and identifying fruitful avenues for research concerning the technical aspects of improved software for increasing efficiency and resilience.

This conference is intended to build on the discussions initiated in the previous Commission staff technical conferences on increasing market and planning efficiency through improved software. A number of the topics that have been discussed during previous conferences have relevance to resilience in addition to market efficiency. Staff will be facilitating a discussion to explore research and operational advances with respect to market modeling that appear to have significant promise for potential efficiency improvements. Given the priority the Commission places on resilience, presentations that also discuss research and operational advances that could enhance resilience of the bulk power

system are encouraged. Broadly, such topics fall into the following categories:

(1) Improvements to the representation of physical constraints that are either not currently modeled or currently modeled using mathematical approximations (e.g., voltage and reactive power constraints, stability constraints, and constraints related to contingencies);

(2) Consideration of uncertainty to better maximize expected market surplus (e.g., stochastic modeling, or other improved modeling approaches to energy and reserve dispatch that efficiently manage uncertainty);

(3) Improvements to the ability to identify and use flexibility in the existing systems (e.g., optimal transmission switching, active or dynamic transmission ratings, transmission constraint relaxation practices, and ramping management);

(4) Improvements to the duality interpretations of the economic dispatch model, with the goal of enabling the calculation of prices which represent better equilibrium and incentives for efficient entry and exit;

(5) Limitations of current electricity market software due to its interaction with hardware; and

(6) Other improvements in algorithms, model formulations, or hardware that may allow for increases in market efficiency and enhanced resilience.

Within these or related subject areas, we encourage presentations that discuss best modeling practices, existing modeling practices that need improvement, any advances made since last year's conference, or related perspectives on increasing market efficiency and resilience through improved power systems modeling.

The technical conference will be held at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission headquarters, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. All interested participants are invited to attend, and participants with ideas for relevant presentations are invited to nominate themselves to speak at the conference.

Speaker nominations must be submitted on or before April 20, 2018 through the Commission's website<sup>2</sup> by providing the proposed speaker's contact information along with a title, abstract, and list of contributing authors for the proposed presentation. Proposed presentations should be related to the topics discussed above. Speakers and presentations will be selected to ensure

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.ferc.gov/industries/electric/industryact/market-planning.asp>.

<sup>2</sup> The speaker nomination form is located at <https://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/real-market-6-26-18-speaker-form.asp>.

relevant topics and to accommodate time constraints.

Although registration is not required for general attendance by United States citizens, we encourage those planning to attend the conference to register through the Commission's website.<sup>3</sup> We will provide nametags for those who register on or before June 15, 2018.

We strongly encourage attendees who are not citizens of the United States to register for the conference by June 1, 2018, in order to avoid any delay associated with being processed by FERC security.

The Commission will accept comments following the conference, with a deadline of July 31, 2018.

There is an eSubscription link on the Commission's website that enables subscribers to receive email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

A WebEx will be available. Off-site participants interested in listening via teleconference or listening and viewing the presentations through WebEx must register at <https://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/real-market-6-26-18-form.asp>, and do so by 5:00 p.m. EST on June 15, 2018. WebEx and teleconferencing may not be available to those who do not register.

FERC conferences are accessible under section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For accessibility accommodations please send an email to [accessibility@ferc.gov](mailto:accessibility@ferc.gov) or call toll free (866) 208-3372 (voice) or (202) 502-8659 (TTY), or send a fax to (202) 208-2106 with the required accommodations.

For further information about these conferences, please contact:

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<sup>3</sup> The registration form is located at <https://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/real-market-6-26-18-form.asp>.

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9976-19-Region 8]

### Public Water System Supervision Program Revision for the State of Montana

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Public notice is hereby given that the state of Montana has revised its Public Water System Supervision (PWSS) Program by adopting federal regulations for the Revised Total Coliform Rule (RTCR) that correspond to the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWR). The EPA has reviewed Montana's regulations and determined they are no less stringent than the federal regulations. The EPA is proposing to approve Montana's primacy revision for the RTCR.

This approval action does not extend to public water systems in Indian country. Please see Supplementary Information, Item B.

**DATES:** Any member of the public is invited to request a public hearing on this determination by May 7, 2018. Please see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**, Item C, for details. Should no timely and appropriate request for a hearing be received, and the Regional Administrator (RA) does not elect to hold a hearing on his/her own motion, this determination shall become applicable May 7, 2018. If a public hearing is requested and granted, then this determination shall not become applicable until such time following the hearing as the RA issues an order affirming or rescinding this action.

**ADDRESSES:** Requests for a public hearing should be addressed to: Robert Clement, Drinking Water Unit B (8WP-SDB), EPA, Region 8, 1595 Wynkoop Street, Denver, CO 80202-1129.

All documents relating to this determination are available for inspection at: EPA, Region 8, Drinking Water Unit (7th Floor), 1595 Wynkoop Street, Denver, Colorado.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert Clement, Drinking Water Unit B (8WP-SDB), EPA, Region 8, 1595 Wynkoop Street, Denver, CO 80202-1129, phone 303-312-6653.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the provisions of section 1413 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), 42 U.S.C. 300g-2, and 40 CFR 142.13, public notice is hereby given that the state of Montana has revised its PWSS program by adopting federal regulations for the RTCR that

correspond to the NPDWR in 40 CFR parts 141 and 142. The EPA has reviewed Montana's regulations and determined they are no less stringent than the federal regulations. The EPA is proposing to approve Montana's primacy revision for the RTCR.

This approval action does not extend to public water systems in Indian country as defined in 18 U.S.C. 1151. Please see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**, Item B.

#### A. Why are revisions to State programs necessary?

States with primary PWSS enforcement authority must comply with the requirements of 40 CFR part 142 to maintain primacy. They must adopt regulations that are at least as stringent as the NPDWRs at 40 CFR parts 141 and 142, as well as adopt all new and revised NPDWRs in order to retain primacy (40 CFR 142.12(a)).

#### B. How does this action affect Indian country (18 U.S.C. 1151) in Montana?

EPA's approval of the drinking water standards Montana submitted extends to public water systems in Montana with the exception of those public water systems that are within Indian country, as defined in 18 U.S.C. 1151. Indian country lands within the exterior boundaries of the following Indian reservations located within Montana: The Blackfeet, Crow, Flathead, Fort Belknap, Fort Peck, Northern Cheyenne and Rocky Boys Indian Reservations; any land held in trust by the United States for an Indian tribe; and any other areas which are "Indian country" within the meaning of 18 U.S.C. 1151. EPA or eligible Indian tribes, as appropriate, will retain PWSS program responsibilities over public water systems in Indian country.

#### C. Requesting a Hearing

Any member of the public may request a hearing on this determination within thirty (30) days of this notice. All requests shall include the following information: Name, address, and telephone number of the individual, organization, or other entity requesting a hearing; a brief statement of interest and information to be submitted at the hearing; and a signature of the interested individual or responsible official, if made on behalf of an organization or other entity. Frivolous or insubstantial requests for a hearing may be denied by the RA.

Notice of any hearing shall be given not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the time scheduled for the hearing and will be made by the RA in the **Federal Register** and in a newspaper of general