

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Preventing Undue Discrimination and
Preference in Transmission Service

Docket Nos. RM05-25-000
RM05-17-000

NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF TIME

(December 6, 2007)

On November 21, 2007, North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) submitted a request for a five-month extension of time for public utilities to modify reliability standards related to the calculation of available transfer capability (ATC) in compliance with Order No. 890 and Order No. 693, currently required by December 10, 2007.¹ NERC states that, following the initial posting of draft ATC-related standards in February and May 2007, it received numerous comments that led to improvements in the draft standards, but corresponding delay in the posting of further drafts for comment by industry participants. While NERC initially estimated posting the ATC-related standards for balloting in September 2007, NERC states that comments received in response to the initial posting of draft standards resulted in significant changes to key concepts, triggering the need for an additional comment period for industry review of those changes. The motion states that NERC posted for review further drafts of the ATC-related standards on October 30, 2007, comments on which may be provided through December 14, 2007. In order to allow for pre-ballot review by NERC after the receipt of comments on the revised draft standards, balloting by industry participants, and subsequent review and approval of the standards by the NERC Board of Trustees, NERC requests a five month extension of the time by which the ATC-related standards must be filed with the Commission.

¹ See *Preventing Undue Discrimination and Preference in Transmission Service*, Order No. 890, 72 Fed. Reg. 12,266 (March 15, 2007), FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,241 (2007); *Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk-Power System*, Order No. 693, 72 Fed. Reg. 16,416 (April 4, 2007), FERC Stats. & Regs., ¶ 31,242 (2007).

Upon consideration, notice is hereby given that public utilities are granted an extension of time to and including May 9, 2008, to modify, working through NERC, the reliability standards related to the calculation of ATC. Notice is also given that public utilities are granted an extension of time to and including August 7, 2008, to develop, through the North American Energy Standards Board, business practices that complement NERC's new reliability standards.

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Secretary.