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May 12, 2005

Hon. Magalie R. Salas, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20426

Dear Secretary Salas:

NERC Transmission Loading Relief (TLR) Procedure Docket No. ER00-1666-000

On December 16, 2004, NERC wrote to the Commission to explain NERC's addition of three specific Entergy flowgates to the TLR trial period, which we had extended to March 31, 2005, for test revisions to NERC's TLR procedure. The Entergy test revisions are similar to those that were contained in a final report of the NERC Alliant West TLR Task Force ("AWTTF") that NERC submitted in this docket on April 2, 2004.

On March 16, 2005, Entergy asked the NERC Planning Committee and Operating Committee for permission to postpone the start date of its test for various technical reasons until May 15, 2005. Both committees approved Entergy's request. Entergy plans to conclude its test on August 15, 2005.

The test details and reporting arrangements are unchanged from our December 16, 2004 letter. We will provide the Commission with the results of the Entergy test after it ends in August.

Results of the Alliant West TLR Trial Period. Our December 16 letter also promised to report the results of the Alliant West TLR trial period. We prepared a table that shows the number of TLR hours that Alliant experienced from June 2004 through March 2005, compared to the same period one year earlier. The trial procedures effectively reduced the number of TLR hours as hoped.

The Alliant trial period ended on March 31, 2005, and was not extended. Since then, the Midwest Independent System Operator began its market operations on April 1 and implemented phase 2 of the MISO/PJM Joint Operating Agreement. That agreement provides MISO with an enhanced capability to control flows on Alliant West facilities without the use of the trial procedures. Furthermore, generation dispatch patterns and the availability of generation resources in the area have changed such that the Alliant West facilities are not experiencing the loading problems seen in 2001 through 2004. Finally, MISO continues to post Available

Flowgate Capacity for other transmission providers to use, and honors these AFC values when selling MISO transmission service.

Should MISO or Alliant West find that those procedures do not mitigate the transmission line loading problems, they will bring these issues back to NERC for further discussion.

Please contact me if you or other members of the Commission's staff have questions or need additional information. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David N. Cook". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" and last name "Cook" being more prominent than the middle initial "N".

David N. Cook
Vice President and General Counsel

**Summary of Alliant West TLR Test
June 2004 – March 2005**

<i>Period</i>	<i>TLR 3, 4, and 5 – Hours</i>	<i>TLR 5 – Hours</i>
June 2004 – March 2005	457	13
June 2003 – March 2004	3726	138