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FERC Proposes Changes Requiring Small Generators to 'Ride Through' System Disturbances

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) is proposing revisions to its small generator interconnection policy to reflect the need for those generators to "ride through" and stay connected during abnormal frequency and voltage events.

Under the proposal, FERC would revise the *pro forma* Small Generator Interconnection Agreement (SGIA) adopted in Order No. 2006 and amended in Order No. 792 to require generators smaller than 20 megawatts signing new SGIA's to ride through abnormal frequency and voltage events, and not disconnect during those events.

The Commission says that changing industry conditions and the increasing presence and the impact of distributed energy resources on the electric system now require the extension of that capability to small generators similar to the requirements for generators larger than 20 megawatts. FERC also notes that the proposed changes would apply only to small generator interconnections subject to its jurisdiction.

Comments on the proposal are due 60 days after publication in the *Federal Register*.

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