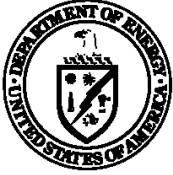


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September 29, 2017

Kimberly D. Bose
Secretary, Office of the Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

Re: *Secretary of Energy's Direction that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Issue
Grid Resiliency Rules Pursuant to the Secretary's Authority Under Section 403 of the
Department of Energy Organization Act*

Dear Ms. Bose:

Pursuant to section 403 of the Department of Energy Organization Act (DOE Act), the Secretary of Energy (Secretary) is proposing a rule for final action by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC). To that end, the Secretary intends to submit to the Federal Register a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR).

Enclosed with this cover letter are three original letters from the Secretary to Chairman Chatterjee and Commissioners LaFleur and Powelson explaining the NOPR and a copy of the NOPR. An additional original and copy of the letter and the NOPR are provided for your files.

The Department of Energy (DOE) submitted the attached letter from the Secretary and the NOPR via the Commission's e-filing as a rulemaking comment in Docket No. RM17-3-000. (A copy of the e-receipt is included with this cover letter). DOE understands that the decision whether this or another docket is the appropriate place for the proposed rule to be addressed will be decided by the Commission.

Please register the filing of these documents as appropriate. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 586-6732. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bernard L. McNamee II".

Bernard L. McNamee II
Deputy General Counsel for Energy Policy

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