

p. Agency Comments—Federal, State, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

Records Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice

December 8, 2006.

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(b), of the receipt of prohibited and exempt off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive a prohibited or exempt off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of a contested proceeding, to deliver to the Secretary of the Commission, a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication.

Prohibited communications are included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not a part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become a part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited off-the-record communication, and may request that the Commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such a request only when it determines that fairness so

requires. Any person identified below as having made a prohibited off-the-record communication shall serve the document on all parties listed on the official service list for the applicable proceeding in accordance with Rule 2010, 18 CFR 385.2010.

Exempt off-the-record communications are included in the decisional record of the proceeding, unless the communication was with a cooperating agency as described by 40 CFR 1501.6, made under 18 CFR 385.2201(e)(1)(v).

The following is an off-the-record communication recently received by the Secretary of the Commission. This filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the eLibrary link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits, in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC, Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

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[Docket No. RM06-22-000]

Mandatory Reliability Standards for Critical Infrastructure Protection; Notice of Comment Period

December 11, 2006.

On August 28, 2006, the North American Electric Reliability Council, on behalf of its wholly-owned subsidiary, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (collectively NERC), filed eight proposed Reliability Standards concerning Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) for Commission approval, pursuant to its role as the Electric Reliability Organization (ERO) under section 215 of the Federal Power Act (FPA). On September 18, 2006, the Commission issued a notice announcing that it

established a new rulemaking proceeding, Docket No. RM06-22-000, to address the proposed CIP Reliability Standards.¹

Concurrent with today's notice, the Commission is releasing a staff preliminary assessment of the eight proposed CIP Reliability Standards. This assessment is a preliminary technical analysis by staff and does not offer legal conclusions or recommend any particular action to be taken by the Commission. The Commission will issue a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPR) with its proposal on each Reliability Standard after receiving comments on the staff preliminary assessment. Interested persons will also have an opportunity to file comments on the NPR.

NERC should respond to this preliminary assessment by February 12, 2007. We also invite other interested persons to file comments on the staff preliminary assessment by the comment date. Comments should respond to

¹ In addition, the Notice explained that nineteen other new and revised proposed Reliability Standards submitted by NERC in the same August 28, 2006 filing would be addressed in Docket No. RM06-16-000.

issues discussed in the preliminary assessment in the order in which they appear, and take care to identify which issue, Reliability Standard, or specific provision of a Reliability Standard is being addressed. Commenters may also address related issues not raised in the staff preliminary assessment to assist the Commission to make more informed decisions regarding the proposed CIP Reliability Standards.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of comments using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The staff preliminary assessment is accessible online at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an "eSubscription" link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online