

## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory  
CommissionOrder on Intent To Revoke Market-  
Based Rate Authority

## Docket Nos.

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| Electric Quarterly Reports         | ER02–2001–020 |
| ResCom Energy LLC .....            | ER12–1296–000 |
| PowerOne Corporation .....         | ER14–209–001  |
| Capital Energy LLC .....           | ER14–2232–001 |
| HIC Energy, LLC .....              | ER15–2473–000 |
| Veritas Energy Group,<br>LLC ..... | ER17–1751–000 |
| Iridium Energy, LLC .....          | ER18–777–000  |

1. Section 205 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. 824d (2018), and 18 CFR part 35 (2019), require, among other things, that all rates, terms, and conditions for jurisdictional services be filed with the Commission. In Order No. 2001, the Commission revised its public utility filing requirements and established a requirement for public utilities, including power marketers, to file Electric Quarterly Reports.<sup>1</sup>

2. The Commission requires sellers with market-based rate authorization to file Electric Quarterly Reports summarizing contractual and transaction information related to their market-based power sales as a condition for retaining that authorization.<sup>2</sup> Commission staff's review of the Electric Quarterly Reports indicates that the following six public utilities with market-based rate authorization have

<sup>1</sup> Revised Public Utility Filing Requirements, Order No. 2001, 99 FERC ¶ 61,107, *reh'g denied*, Order No. 2001–A, 100 FERC ¶ 61,074, *reh'g denied*, Order No. 2001–B, 100 FERC ¶ 61,342, *order directing filing*, Order No. 2001–C, 101 FERC ¶ 61,314 (2002), *order directing filing*, Order No. 2001–D, 102 FERC ¶ 61,334, *order refining filing requirements*, Order No. 2001–E, 105 FERC ¶ 61,352 (2003), *order on clarification*, Order No. 2001–F, 106 FERC ¶ 61,060 (2004), *order revising filing requirements*, Order No. 2001–G, 120 FERC ¶ 61,270, *order on reh'g and clarification*, Order No. 2001–H, 121 FERC ¶ 61,289 (2007), *order revising filing requirements*, Order No. 2001–I, FERC Stats. 125 FERC ¶ 61,103 (2008). See also *Filing Requirements for Electric Utility Service Agreements*, 155 FERC ¶ 61,280, *order on reh'g and clarification*, 157 FERC ¶ 61,180 (2016) (clarifying Electric Quarterly Reports reporting requirements and updating Data Dictionary).

<sup>2</sup> See *Refinements to Policies and Procedures for Market-Based Rates for Wholesale Sales of Electric Energy, Capacity and Ancillary Services by Public Utilities*, Order No. 816, 153 FERC ¶ 61,065 (2015), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 816–A, 155 FERC ¶ 61,188 (2016); *Market-Based Rates for Wholesale Sales of Electric Energy, Capacity and Ancillary Services by Public Utilities*, Order No. 697, 119 FERC ¶ 61,295, at P 3, *clarified*, 121 FERC ¶ 61,260 (2007), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 697–A, 123 FERC ¶ 61,055, *clarified*, 124 FERC ¶ 61,055, *order on reh'g*, Order No. 697–B, 125 FERC ¶ 61,326 (2008), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 697–C, 127 FERC ¶ 61,284 (2009), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 697–D, 130 FERC ¶ 61,206 (2010), *aff'd sub nom. Mont. Consumer Counsel v. FERC*, 659 F.3d 910 (9th Cir. 2011).

failed to file their Electric Quarterly Reports: ResCom Energy LLC, PowerOne Corporation, Capital Energy LLC, HIC Energy, LLC, Veritas Energy Group, LLC, and Iridium Energy, LLC. This order notifies these public utilities that their market-based rate authorizations will be revoked unless they comply with the Commission's requirements within fifteen days of the date of issuance of this order.

3. In Order No. 2001, the Commission stated that,

[i]f a public utility fails to file a[n] Electric Quarterly Report (without an appropriate request for extension), or fails to report an agreement in a report, that public utility may forfeit its market-based rate authority and may be required to file a new application for market-based rate authority if it wishes to resume making sales at market-based rates.<sup>3</sup>

4. The Commission further stated that, [o]nce this rule becomes effective, the requirement to comply with this rule will supersede the conditions in public utilities' market-based rate authorizations, and failure to comply with the requirements of this rule will subject public utilities to the same consequences they would face for not satisfying the conditions in their rate authorizations, including possible revocation of their authority to make wholesale power sales at market-based rates.<sup>4</sup>

5. Pursuant to these requirements, the Commission has revoked the market-based rate tariffs of market-based rate sellers that failed to submit their Electric Quarterly Reports.<sup>5</sup>

6. Sellers must file Electric Quarterly Reports consistent with the procedures set forth in Order Nos. 2001, 768,<sup>6</sup> and 770.<sup>7</sup> The exact filing dates for Electric Quarterly Reports are prescribed in 18 CFR 35.10b (2019). As noted above, Commission staff's review of the Electric Quarterly Reports for the period up to the first quarter of 2020 identified six public utilities with market-based rate authorization that failed to file Electric Quarterly Reports. Commission staff contacted or attempted to contact

<sup>3</sup> Order No. 2001, 99 FERC ¶ 61,107 at P 222.

<sup>4</sup> *Id.* P 223.

<sup>5</sup> See, e.g., *Electric Quarterly Reports*, 82 FR 60,976 (Dec. 26, 2017); *Electric Quarterly Reports*, 80 FR 58,243 (Sep. 28, 2015); *Electric Quarterly Reports*, 79 FR 65,651 (Nov. 5, 2014).

<sup>6</sup> *Electricity Market Transparency Provisions of Section 220 of the Federal Power Act*, Order No. 768, 140 FERC ¶ 61,232 (2012), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 768–A, 143 FERC ¶ 61,054 (2013), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 768–B, 150 FERC ¶ 61,075 (2015).

<sup>7</sup> *Revisions to Electric Quarterly Report Filing Process*, Order No. 770, 141 FERC ¶ 61,120 (2012).

these entities to remind them of their regulatory obligations. Despite these reminders, the public utilities listed in the caption of this order have not met these obligations. Accordingly, this order notifies these public utilities that their market-based rate authorizations will be revoked unless they comply with the Commission's requirements within fifteen days of the issuance of this order.

7. In the event that any of the above-captioned market-based rate sellers have already filed their Electric Quarterly Reports in compliance with the Commission's requirements, those sellers' inclusion herein is inadvertent. Such market-based rate sellers are directed, within fifteen days of the date of issuance of this order, to make a filing with the Commission identifying themselves and providing details about their prior filings that establish that they complied with the Commission's Electric Quarterly Report filing requirements.

8. If any of the above-captioned market-based rate sellers do not wish to continue having market-based rate authority, they may file a notice of cancellation with the Commission pursuant to section 205 of the FPA to cancel their market-based rate tariff.

*The Commission orders:*

(A) Within 15 days of the date of issuance of this order, each public utility listed in the caption of this order shall file with the Commission all delinquent Electric Quarterly Reports. If a public utility subject to this order fails to make the filings required in this order, the Commission will revoke that public utility's market-based rate authorization and will terminate its electric market-based rate tariff. The Secretary is hereby directed, upon expiration of the filing deadline in this order, to promptly issue a notice, effective on the date of issuance, listing the public utilities whose tariffs have been revoked for failure to comply with the requirements of this order and the Commission's Electric Quarterly Report filing requirements.

(B) The Secretary is hereby directed to publish this order in the **Federal Register**.

By the Commission.

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