

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. AD20–14–000]

**Carbon Pricing in Organized Wholesale Electricity Markets; Supplemental Notice of Technical Conference**

As announced in the Notice<sup>1</sup> of Technical Conference issued in this proceeding on June 17, 2020, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) will convene a Commissioner-led technical conference in the above-referenced proceeding on Wednesday, September 30, 2020, from approximately 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Eastern time. The conference will be held electronically.

The purpose of this conference is to discuss considerations related to state-adoption of mechanisms to price carbon dioxide emissions, commonly referred to as carbon pricing, in regions with Commission-jurisdictional organized wholesale electricity markets (*i.e.*, regions with regional transmission organizations/independent system operators, or RTOs/ISOs). This conference will focus on carbon pricing approaches where a state (or group of states) sets an explicit carbon price, whether through a price-based or quantity-based approach, and how that carbon price intersects with RTO/ISO-administered markets, addressing both legal and technical issues.

A revised agenda and list of panelists for this conference are attached. All changes to the agenda since the Commission's August 28, 2020 Supplemental Notice of Technical Conference appear in italics.

There is no fee for attendance, and the conference will be webcast for the public to attend electronically. Information on this technical conference, including a link to the webcast, will also be posted on this conference's event page on the Commission's website, [www.ferc.gov/news-events/events/technical-conference-regarding-carbon-pricing-organized-wholesale-electricity](http://www.ferc.gov/news-events/events/technical-conference-regarding-carbon-pricing-organized-wholesale-electricity), prior to the event. The conference will be transcribed. Transcripts will be available for a fee from Ace Reporting, (202) 347–3700.

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(202) 208–8659 (TTY), or send a fax to (202) 208–2106 with the required accommodations.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. RM20–19–000]

**Equipment and Services Produced or Provided by Certain Entities Identified as Risks to National Security**

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of inquiry.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) seeks comments on the potential risks to the bulk electric system posed by the use of equipment and services produced or provided by certain entities identified as risks to national security. In addition, the Commission seeks comments on strategies to mitigate any potential risks posed by such telecommunications equipment and services, including but not limited to potential modifications to the Critical Infrastructure Protection Reliability Standards.

**DATES:** Initial Comments are due November 23, 2020, and Reply Comments are due December 22, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, identified by docket number, may be filed in the following ways:

- Electronic Filing through <http://www.ferc.gov>. Documents created electronically using word processing software should be filed in native applications or print-to-PDF format and not in a scanned format.

- *Mail/Hand Delivery:* Those unable to file electronically may mail or hand-deliver comments to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the

Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

- *Instructions:* For detailed instructions on submitting comments, see the Comment Procedures Section of this document.

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1. In this Notice of Inquiry, the Commission seeks comments on the potential risks to the bulk electric system posed by using equipment and services produced or provided by entities identified as risks to national security. In addition, the Commission seeks comments on whether the current Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) Reliability Standards adequately mitigate the identified risks. Further, the Commission seeks comment on possible actions the Commission could consider taking to address the identified risks.

2. On October 18, 2018, the Commission approved the first set of supply chain risk management Reliability Standards in Order No. 850.<sup>1</sup> The Commission described the supply chain risk management Reliability Standards as “forward-looking and objective-based and require each affected entity to develop and implement a plan that includes security controls for supply chain management for industrial control system hardware, software, and services associated with bulk electric system operations.”<sup>2</sup> In approving the supply chain risk management Reliability Standards, the Commission recognized that “the global supply chain creates opportunities for adversaries to directly or indirectly affect the management or operations of companies with potential risks to end users.”<sup>3</sup>

3. Since the issuance of Order No. 850, there have been significant developments in the form of Executive

<sup>1</sup> The Commission approved Reliability Standards CIP–013–1 (Cyber Security—Supply chain Risk Management), CIP–005–6 (Cyber Security—Electronic Security Perimeter(s)), and CIP–010–3 (Cyber Security—Configuration Change Management and Vulnerability Assessments). *Supply Chain Risk Management Reliability Standards*, Order No. 850, 165 FERC ¶ 61,020 (2018).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* P 2.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*

<sup>1</sup> 18 CFR 2.1 (2020).