

# Order 1000 Interregional Planning: FERC Compliance Order

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# Background

- FERC Order 1000: Final Rule on Transmission Planning & Cost Allocation
  - Issued on 7/21/11 (Docket RM10-23-000)
  - Builds on the requirements of Order 2000 and Order 890

#### Key Provisions

- Establishes a Regional Planning requirement for all FERC jurisdictional Transmission Providers
- Requires a public policy transmission planning process
- Requires comparable treatment for incumbents & non-incumbents
- Requires an expanded interregional planning process
- Establishes six principles for regional and interregional cost allocation
- Requires cost allocation methodology for planned regional and interregional projects



# Interregional Planning

- Each transmission provider must develop further procedures with each of its neighboring regions within its Interconnection, including:
  - A formal procedure for the "identification and joint evaluation of interregional facilities that may be more efficient or cost effective solutions to regional needs"
  - Data sharing & transparency
- Separate interregional planning agreements are not required
  - An interregional "plan" is not required
- Multilateral or interconnection-wide planning is encouraged
- An interregional stakeholder process is encouraged
- Procedural Framework Under the Final Rule:
  - A developer must first propose an interregional project in each regional planning process
  - The interregional evaluation must be conducted in the "same general timeframe" as the regional evaluations
  - An interregional project must first be selected in each of the regional planning processes in order to receive inter-regional cost allocation



# Interregional Cost Allocation

- Transmission providers in each pair of neighboring regions to develop a mutually agreeable cost allocation methodology for a transmission facility located in <u>both</u> regions
- Multi-lateral cost allocation is encouraged—but not required
- Final Rule does not propose a uniform methodology
  - Interregional cost allocation methodology may be different from the respective regional methodologies
  - Cost allocation for a region's share of an interregional facility may differ from the cost allocation for a regional facility
- All proposals must satisfy Six Interregional Cost Allocation Principles



### Interregional Cost Allocation

#### **Order 1000 Six Cost Allocation Principles:**

- Cost allocation to be "roughly commensurate" with estimated benefits
- No costs allocated to those who receive no benefits
- B/C threshold, if used, may not exceed 1.25
- Costs may be assigned only to regions where the facility is located
  - Costs cannot be assigned involuntarily to a region in which the facility is not located
- Transparent and documented process
- Different allocation methodologies allowed for different types of facilities (i.e. – reliability, economic, public policy)



# Compliance Filings Based on the Northeast Protocol

- The Northeast ISO/RTO Planning Coordination Protocol already met many of the Interregional Planning requirements of the Final Rule
  - Some modifications/clarifications were made to comply with Order 1000's procedural framework (new Section 7), and data sharing requirements (modified Section 3)
  - Revisions to individual Tariffs were also needed—primarily to incorporate an interregional cost allocation methodology
- Existing provisions which exceed Order 1000 requirements were retained, including:
  - The existing interregional stakeholder process (IPSAC)
  - Periodic issuance of the Northeast Coordinated System Plan (NCSP)
  - Coordination of interconnection and transmission service requests



# Northeast Compliance Filings

- Northeast ISO/RTOs prepared modifications to the existing Northeast Protocol to address Order 1000 requirements
- Interregional cost allocation was developed in consultation with the Transmission Owners in each region
- Stakeholder input was discussed through numerous IPSAC and regional stakeholder meetings
- Compliance filings were made by ISO-NE, NYISO and PJM as well as the TOs in each region on July 10, 2013



# **FERC Compliance Order**

- Issued on May 14, 2015
- Accepted the Northeast July 10, 2013 filings
  - Subject to further compliance filings due by July 13<sup>th</sup>
- The Amended Northeast Protocol was accepted with certain clarifications
- Cost Allocation was found to be fully compliant with the six Order 1000 Principles
- NYISO, PJM and ISO-NE were required to revise their tariffs to provide minor clarifications



# **Further Compliance Filings**

- Revise the Northeast Protocol
  - To conform terminology to Order 1000 requirements (i.e. "..more efficient or cost effective.."
  - To clarify how an interregional facility can be identified under Section 7.3 of the Protocol
- Revise NYISO Tariff
  - To explain how a stakeholder in a regional planning process may propose an interregional transmission project for joint evaluation under the Protocol
- Revise ISO-NE & PJM Tariffs
  - To provide consistent definitions across the three regions
  - To explain how a developer may propose an interregional transmission project for joint evaluation
  - To include other minor conforming revisions
- Multiple filings will be made—as in July 2013



# **Proposed Tariff Revisions\***

- Northeast Protocol
  - Sections 7.1 & 7.3

- NYISO OATT, Attachment Y
  - Section 31.2.4.2 reliability planning
  - Section 31.3.2.4 economic planning
  - Section 31.4.3 public policy planning

<sup>\*</sup>NOTE: Draft tariff language provided separately



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