UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Standards for Business Practices and Docket No. RM05-5-022

Communication Protocols for Public Utilities

NOTICE GRANTING LIMITED TIME EXTENSION

(March 17, 2016)

In Order No. 676-H, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) amended its regulations to incorporate by reference, with certain enumerated exceptions, the latest version (Version 003) of the Standards for Business Practices and Communication Protocols for Public Utilities adopted by the Wholesale Electric Quadrant (WEQ) of the North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB) as mandatory enforceable requirements.**[[1]](#footnote-1)** Order No. 676-H, in pertinent part, required Transmission Providers to comply with standards related to the Network Integration Transmission Service (NITS) Open Access Same-Time Information System (OASIS) template. The order required compliance filings, if needed, by January 24, 2016, required each Transmission Provider to post information documenting all existing NITS arrangements using structures provided in the new template by February 24, 2016, and required Transmission Providers to implement and support customer use of the NITS template for arrangement of NITS on OASIS by March 24, 2016.

Edison Electric Institute and various Transmission Providers separately filed notices of extension for implementation of the requirements on the specified dates. Requests for a time extension for compliance with the January, February, and March NITS related deadlines have been requested both on an industry-wide basis and on an individual entity basis. The extension requests overwhelmingly sought a 90-day extension of the February compliance filing date and of the March implementation date.

Upon consideration of these requests for extension of time, the Commission will extend the three NITS related deadlines for all Transmission Providers. The compliance filing date of January 24, 2016 is extended until June 24, 2016. The February 24, 2016 deadline related to the posting and documenting of NITS arrangements is extended until June 24, 2016. The March 24, 2016 deadline for full compliance implementation of all NITS related standards and requirements is extended until July 25, 2016.

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Deputy Secretary.

1. *Standards for Business Practices and Communication Protocols for Public Utilities*, 79 FR 56939 (Sep. 24, 2014), FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,359 (Sep. 18, 2014), *corrected*, 149 FERC ¶ 61,014 (Oct. 3, 2014), *reh’g denied*, 151 FERC ¶ 61,046 (2015). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)