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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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| Standards for Business Practices and Communication Protocols for Public Utilities | Docket No. | RM05-5-028 |

NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF TIME

(April 3, 2020)

On March 18, 2020, Southwest Power Pool, Inc. and Midcontinent Independent System Operator (collectively, Joint Parties) submitted a motion to request an extension of time,[[1]](#footnote-2) until October 27, 2021, for utilities that have incorporated into their tariffs the complete set of NAESB standards to implement the latest version of those standards incorporated by reference into the Commission’s regulations by Order No. 676-I.[[2]](#footnote-3)

The Joint Parties state that the requested extension of time will permit Joint Parties and other utilities that have incorporated the NAESB Standards into their tariffs by reference to follow the implementation outline that is included in Version 003.2 of NAESB Standard WEQ-002 as incorporated by the Commission in Order No. 676-I. In addition, Joint Parties state that Open Access Technology International, Inc., the entity that provides OASIS software to much of the industry, has represented that it will not have completed software developments necessary for the implementation of NAESB Standards Version 003.2 prior to the current July 27, 2020 deadline for implementation set by Order No. 676-I. Joint Parties also state that granting the request for extension will ensure that all utilities have a comparable timeline for compliance with the latest NAESB standards without regard to the administrative question of how they have chosen to incorporate NAESB standards into their tariffs.

In Order No 676-I, the Commission required that public utilities (and utilities with reciprocity tariffs) must make a compliance filing to comply with the requirements of the final rule through eTariff no later than ninety (90) days after date of publication in the Federal Register (i.e., May 25, 2020). The Commission also provided that it would set an implementation date for the proposed tariff changes in the order(s) on the compliance filings. Those utilities that incorporate the complete set of NAESB standards without modification would need to implement the standards no later than five (5) months from the date the final rule is published in the Federal Register (i.e., July 27, 2020).[[3]](#footnote-4)

Upon consideration of the Joint Parties’ request, notice is hereby given that the motion for extension is granted. The deadline for public utilities required to make a compliance filing through e-Tariff is extended from May 25, 2020, up to and including July 27, 2021. In its order(s) on compliance filings, the Commission will determine an implementation date for all utilities, including utilities whose tariffs incorporate each version of the NAESB standards, without modification, when the version is accepted by the Commission, no sooner than three months following the submission of compliance filings (i.e., October 27, 2021).

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1. Joint Motion for Extension of Time, Alternative Request for Clarification, and Request for Expedited Ruling of Southwest Power Pool, Inc. and Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Docket Nos. RM05-5-025, *et al*. (Mar. 18, 2020). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. *Standards for Business Practices and Communication Protocols for Public Utilities* (Order No. 676-I), 170 FERC ¶ 61,062 (2020), 85 Fed. Reg. 10,571 (Feb. 25, 2020). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. *Id.* P 66. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)