



Western Interconnection Regional Advisory Body

July 25, 2006

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The Honorable Joseph T. Kelliher, Chairman
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20426

Via Federal Express:

Dear Chairman Kelliher:

The Western Interconnection Regional Advisory Body (WIRAB) submits its first formal advice to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on the implementation of mandatory electric reliability standards in the Western Interconnection (the "Advice") pursuant to Section 215(j) of the Federal Power Act and in conformance with the Commission's July 20 Order in Docket RR-06-2-000.

WIRAB members unanimously approved the Advice. The current WIRAB members represent States with at least one-half of their load in the Western Interconnection (Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming). Pursuant to the Commission's July 20 Order, invitations to participate in the WIRAB have been extended to those States with less than one-half their load in the Western Interconnection (South Dakota, Nebraska and Texas) and the Provinces of Alberta and British Columbia. An invitation will be extended to the appropriate entity in Mexico.

In developing the Advice, WIRAB applied the requirement of Section 215(j) that standards must be just, reasonable, not unduly discriminatory or preferential, and in the public interest.

WIRAB looks forward to a robust collaboration with the Commission in achieving the mutual objectives of Western States and the Commission in securing a reliable power grid in the Western Interconnection and would be

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pleased to discuss our advice with the Commission. WIRAB anticipates providing additional advice as the standards approval process unfolds.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John F. Savage". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John Savage, Chairman
Western Interconnection Regional Advisory Body

Cc: The Honorable Suede Kelly
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The Honorable Marc Spitzer
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