

August 16, 2022

Re: Building for the Future Through Electric Regional Transmission Planning and Cost Allocation and Generator Interconnection, Docket RM 21-17-000

Joint Statement in Support of the Commission's Proposed Rule to Strengthen Regional Transmission Planning

Dear Chairman Glick, Commissioner Danly, Commissioner Clements, Commissioner Phillips, and Commissioner Christie:

The signatories to this letter represent utilities; consumers; NGOs; think tanks; national trade associations; equipment providers; clean energy buyers; transmission developers, builders, and operators; independent power producers; and environmental organizations. We believe that expanding and upgrading the nation's transmission network will deliver jobs and economic development, a cleaner environment, and lower costs for consumers. The diversity of the signatories reflects the fast-growing and widespread recognition of the importance of a strong planning rule to ensure that the nation's transmission system can support future needs and that the Commission must lead its establishment.

Improved long-term transmission planning benefits electricity users in many ways. A better planned and integrated power system would drive significant consumer savings and help ensure reliable service. Furthermore, it could result in economic growth and deliver jobs across all geographic footprints. A strong national-level rulemaking would help chart the path towards realizing the benefits of greater regionalization. The ability to move power across large areas helps deliver low-cost renewable energy, which is what consumers, utilities and states are procuring. We applaud the Commission for its leadership in this effort and encourage the Commission to act swiftly to finalize a strong planning rule that enables the low-cost, clean, and reliable energy grid that American businesses and consumers are demanding.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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