UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Standards for Business Practices and   Docket No. RM05-5-024
Communication Protocols for Public Utilities

NOTICE GRANTING LIMITED TIME EXTENSION

(January 15, 2015)

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] Order No. 676-H requires public utilities to comply with the incorporated Version 003 business practice standards by February 2, 2015, with the exception of those standards related to the Network Integration Transmission Service (NITS) Open Access Same-Time Information System (OASIS) template, for which compliance is required by March 24, 2016. Several entities have requested a time extension for compliance with the February 2, 2015 implementation date.

Upon consideration of these requests for extension of time, the Commission will extend the requirement for compliance with the Version 003 business practice standards not related to the NITS OASIS template to and including May 15, 2015, for all entities subject to these requirements. All other compliance obligations set forth in Order No. 676-H remain in force. We will consider further requests for extension for particular standards in future orders.[2]

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Secretary.

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[1] *Standards for Business Practices and Communication Protocols for Public Utilities*, 148 FERC ¶ 61,205 (2014).

[2] For example, in Docket Nos. RM05-5-024 and ER15-550-000, the New York Independent System Operator, Inc., has requested a time extension for compliance with the NAESB standards involving Public Key Infrastructure (WEQ-012) to allow a 24 month compliance schedule.