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 EXTENSION OF TIME

(June 23, 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.

Edison Electric Institute (EEI) filed a motion seeking an industry-wide extension for implementation of the NITS-related requirements of Order No. 676-H from the dates specified in a notice issued on March 17, 2016, stating that many EEI members raised concerns about the viability of those deadlines. In addition, various Transmission Providers filed comments with the Commission in support of the motion or have separately filed their own extension request.

Upon consideration of these requests for extension of time, the Commission grants an extension for the NITS-related deadlines for all Transmission Providers. The compliance filing date and the deadline related to the posting and documenting of NITS arrangements are extended until February 1, 2017. The July 25, 2016 deadline for full compliance implementation of all NITS related standards and requirements is extended until March 1, 2017.

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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)