

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Transmission Planning and Cost
Allocation by Transmission Owning
and Operating Public Utilities

Docket No. RM10-23-000

NOTICE GRANTING AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO SUBMIT
INTERREGIONAL COMPLIANCE FILINGS

(July 8, 2013)

On June 13, 2013, the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. (MISO) and the Southwest Power Pool, Inc. (SPP) submitted a joint motion for a 120-day extension of time of the compliance deadline set forth in Order No. 1000 with respect to the interregional transmission coordination procedures and interregional cost allocation methods, in the above-referenced proceeding.¹ MISO and SPP state that the additional time is needed in order to develop their respective interregional compliance filings with NorthWestern Corporation (NorthWestern) and the Mid-Continent Area Power Pool (MAPP). MISO and SPP explain that their ability to comply with Order No. 1000's interregional transmission coordination and cost allocation requirements depends in part on the cooperation of MAPP.

MISO and SPP note that they have been working with MAPP on an interregional compliance filing but that the parties have not negotiated any final agreements. MISO and SPP note also that NorthWestern has filed a motion in Docket No. ER13-62-001 requesting a waiver from Order No. 1000's regional transmission planning and cost allocation requirements and that NorthWestern's request was still pending before the Commission. MISO and SPP state that the interregional compliance filings that they have been developing with MAPP may have to be modified depending upon whether the Commission grants NorthWestern's request for waiver from Order No. 1000's regional transmission planning and cost allocation requirements.

MISO and SPP therefore request an extension of time to make their interregional transmission coordination and cost allocation compliance filings with respect to MAPP, with the period of the extension depending on the Commission's action on

¹ *Transmission Planning and Cost Allocation by Transmission Owning and Operating Public Utilities*, Order No. 1000, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,323, at P 792 (2011), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 1000-A, 139 FERC ¶ 61,132, *order on reh'g*, Order No. 1000-B, 141 FERC ¶ 61,044 (2012).

NorthWestern's motion for waiver. If the Commission grants NorthWestern's request for waiver from Order No. 1000's regional transmission planning and cost allocation requirements, MISO and SPP request an extension of 120 days from the granting of the waiver unless the Commission determines that MISO and SPP need not negotiate interregional coordination arrangements with MAPP. If the Commission denies NorthWestern's request for waiver, MISO and SPP request an extension of 120 days after NorthWestern submits its further regional compliance filing to make their respective filings.

Also on June 12, 2013, NorthWestern submitted in Docket No. ER13-1764-000 a request for a waiver from Order No. 1000's interregional transmission coordination and cost allocation requirements. NorthWestern requests an extension in Docket No. RM10-23-000 of the current deadline, July 10, 2013, to make its interregional transmission planning and cost allocation compliance filing until the Commission rules on its waiver request. If the Commission denies the waiver request, NorthWestern requests an extension of time until 120 days after NorthWestern's balancing authority area services provider decides whether or not to join a regional transmission organization (RTO).

In an order being issued concurrently with this notice,² the Commission is denying NorthWestern's request for waiver from Order No. 1000's regional transmission planning and cost allocation requirements but granting NorthWestern an extension of 180 days to develop its regional compliance proposals. The extension will begin from the *earlier* of (i) 180 days after the date of December 31, 2013, or (ii) 180 days after the date when Western Area Power Administration completes its analysis of regional alternatives. In light of its action on NorthWestern's request for waiver, the Commission will grant MISO, SPP, and NorthWestern a 120-day extension of the Order No. 1000 interregional compliance filing deadline, with the extension commencing upon NorthWestern's submittal of its further regional compliance filing.³ The Commission will address NorthWestern's request for waiver from Order No. 1000's interregional transmission coordination and cost allocation requirements in Docket No. ER13-1764-000.

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² *NorthWestern Corporation*, 144 FERC ¶ 61,017 (2013).

³ This extension does not apply to the interregional compliance filing deadline as it relates to the interregional compliance filings between SPP and MISO.

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