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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP07–480–000]

Hardy Storage Company, LLC; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

June 11, 2007.

Take notice that on June 6, 2007, Hardy Storage Company, LLC (Hardy) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the tariff sheets listed on Appendix A to the filing, to become effective July 6, 2007.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed in accordance with the provisions of § 154.210 of the Commission’s regulations (18 CFR 154.210). Anyone filing an intervention or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. Anyone filing an intervention or protest on or before the intervention or protest date need not serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

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[Docket No. EL06–19–003]

Illinois Municipal Electric Agency; Notice of Compliance Filing

June 8, 2007.

Take notice that on June 1, 2007, Illinois Municipal Electric Agency filed a revised tariff sheet for Rate Schedule No. 1, in compliance with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (Commission’s) Order No. 614, 18 CFR 35.7 and the Commission’s May 3, 2007 Order, “Order Approving Uncontested Settlement Agreement,” 119 FERC ¶ 61,112 (2007).

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant and all the parties in this proceeding.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP07–474–000]

National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation; Notice of Tariff Filing

June 8, 2007.

Take notice that on May 31, 2007, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (National) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fourth Revised Volume No. 1, 102nd Revised Sheet No. 9, to become effective June 1, 2007.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed in accordance with the provisions of § 154.210 of the Commission’s regulations (18 CFR 154.210). Anyone filing an intervention or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. Anyone filing an intervention or protest on or before the intervention or protest date need not serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

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[Docket No. RR07-11-000]

North American Electric Reliability Corporation; Order Approving Regional Reliability Standards for the Western Interconnection and Directing Modifications

Issued June 8, 2007.

Before Commissioners: Joseph T. Kelliher, Chairman; Sudeen G. Kelly, Marc Spitzer, Philip D. Moeller, and Jon Wellenhoff.

1. On March 26, 2007, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) submitted for approval eight proposed regional Reliability Standards for the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC). The proposed regional Reliability Standards would apply in the Western Interconnection in addition to the 83 mandatory Reliability Standards developed by NERC that will take effect on a nationwide basis beginning in June 2007.¹ The proposed regional Reliability Standards would allow the continuation of certain reliability practices that are currently in effect in the Western Interconnection. As discussed below, pursuant to section 215(d)(2) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), the Commission approves the proposed regional Reliability Standards.

As a separate action, pursuant to section 215(d)(5) of the FPA, the Commission directs WECC to develop several specific modifications to the regional Reliability Standards when WECC develops, through its Reliability Standards development process, permanent, replacement Reliability Standards.

I. Background

A. EPAct 2005 and Mandatory Reliability Standards

2. In August 2005, the Electricity Modernization Act of 2005, which is Title XII, Subtitle A, of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct 2005), was enacted into law.² EPAct 2005 adds a new section 215 to the FPA, which requires a Commission-certified Electric Reliability Organization (ERO) to develop mandatory and enforceable Reliability Standards.³ Before a Reliability Standard may take effect, the ERO must submit the standard to the Commission and obtain the Commission's approval.⁴ Once approved, the Reliability Standard can be enforced by the ERO subject to Commission oversight, or the Commission can independently enforce the Reliability Standard.⁵

3. On February 3, 2006, the Commission issued Order No. 672, implementing section 215 of the FPA.⁶ Pursuant to Order No. 672, the Commission certified one organization, NERC, as the ERO.⁷ Reliability Standards that the ERO proposes to the Commission may include Reliability Standards that are proposed to the ERO by a Regional Entity.⁸ A Regional Entity is an entity that has been approved by the Commission to enforce Reliability Standards under delegated authority from the ERO.⁹ When the ERO reviews a regional Reliability Standard that would be applicable on an Interconnection-wide basis and that has been proposed by a Regional Entity organized on an Interconnection-wide basis, the ERO must rebuttably presume

that the regional Reliability Standard is just, reasonable, not unduly discriminatory or preferential, and in the public interest.¹⁰

4. When the ERO submits a proposed Reliability Standard to the Commission, the ERO must: (1) Describe the basis and purpose of the Reliability Standard; (2) summarize the development and review proceedings that led to the Reliability Standard; and (3) demonstrate that the Reliability Standard is just, reasonable, not unduly discriminatory or preferential, and in the public interest.¹¹

5. In reviewing the ERO's submission, the Commission will give due weight to the ERO's technical expertise, except concerning the effect of a proposed Reliability Standard on competition.¹² The Commission will also give due weight to the technical expertise of a Regional Entity organized on an Interconnection-wide basis with respect to a proposed Reliability Standard to be applicable within that Interconnection.¹³ Moreover, the Commission may give "due deference" to the advice of a Regional Advisory Body that is organized on an Interconnection-wide basis.¹⁴

6. The Commission may approve a proposed Reliability Standard if the Commission finds it is just, reasonable, not unduly discriminatory or preferential, and in the public interest.¹⁵ In addition, the Commission explained in Order No. 672 that "uniformity of Reliability Standards should be the goal and the practice, the rule rather than the exception."¹⁶ Yet, the Commission recognized that "the goal of greater uniformity does not, however, mean that regional differences cannot exist."¹⁷ The Commission then provided the following guidance:

As a general matter, we will accept the following two types of regional differences, provided they are otherwise just, reasonable, not unduly discriminatory or preferential, and in the public interest, as required by the statute: (1) A regional difference that is more stringent than the continent-wide Reliability Standard, including a regional difference that addresses matters that the continent-wide Reliability Standard does not; and (2) a

² Energy Policy Act of 2005, Pub. L. No. 109-58, Title XII, Subtitle A, 119 Stat. 594, 941 (2005), to be codified at 16 U.S.C. 824o.

³ 16 U.S.C. 824o(c)-(e).

⁴ 16 U.S.C. 824o(d).

⁵ 16 U.S.C. 824o(e)(3).

⁶ Rules Concerning Certification of the Electric Reliability Organization; Procedures for the Establishment, Approval and Enforcement of Electric Reliability Standards, Order No. 672, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,204 (2006), order on reh'g, Order No. 672-A, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,212 (2006).

⁷ See North American Electric Reliability Corp., 116 FERC ¶ 61,062 (ERO Certification Order), order on reh'g and compliance, 117 FERC ¶ 61,126 (2006).

⁸ 16 U.S.C. 824o(e)(4).

⁹ 16 U.S.C. 824o(a)(7) and (e)(4).

¹⁰ 16 U.S.C. 824o(d)(3); 18 CFR 39.5(b).

¹¹ 18 CFR 39.5(a).

¹² 16 U.S.C. 824o(d)(2).

¹³ *Id.*

¹⁴ 16 U.S.C. 824o(j). A Regional Advisory Body is an entity established upon petition to the Commission that is organized to advise the ERO, a Regional Entity or the Commission regarding certain matters including whether a Reliability Standard proposed to apply within the region is just, reasonable, not unduly discriminatory or preferential, and in the public interest. 18 CFR 39.13(c) (2006).

¹⁵ 16 U.S.C. 824o(d)(2).

¹⁶ Order No. 672 at P 290.

¹⁷ *Id.* at 291.

¹ See Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk-Power System, Order No. 693, 118 FERC ¶ 61,218 (March 16, 2007), 72 FR 16,416 (April 4, 2007), reh'g pending.