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## [FERC Establishes Technical Conference on Inter-RTO Affected Systems Interconnection Issues](#)

By [Jamond Perry](#) & [Thomas DeVita](#) on February 13, 2018

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On February 2, 2018, FERC directed Commission Staff to convene a technical conference to explore issues concerning interconnection issues that affect neighboring utilities or regions. In particular, the technical conference is to address issues raised in a complaint by EDF Renewable Energy, Inc. ("EDF") against the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. ("MISO"), Southwest Power Pool, Inc. ("SPP"), and PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. ("PJM) related to the Affected Systems coordination procedures contained in the MISO, SPP, and PJM tariffs, the MISO-PJM Joint Operating Agreement ("JOA"), and the MISO-SPP JOA, as well as the Affected Systems coordination issues raised in FERC's Interconnection Reform Rulemaking proceeding in Docket No. RM17-8-000 ([see December 20, 2016 edition of the WER](#)).

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## D.C. Circuit Remands FERC Decision Upholding ISO-NE FCM Rules Locking in Prices for New Entrants

By Russell Kooistra & Jasmine Hites on February 13, 2018

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On February 2, 2018, the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit (“D.C. Circuit”) remanded FERC’s decision denying complaints that the ISO New England, Inc.’s (“ISO-NE”) rules locking in prices for new entrants to ISO-NE’s Forward Capacity Market (“FCM”) result in price suppression and discriminatory rates for existing suppliers. In doing so, the D.C. Circuit held that FERC did not adequately explain why its prior decision to reject a similar proposal did not apply to ISO-NE’s rules.

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## FERC Conditionally Accepts PJM Tariff Amendments Related to Pseudo-Ties and Dynamic Schedules

By Adrienne Thompson & Jasmine Hites on February 13, 2018

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On February 5, 2018, FERC conditionally accepted a proposal by the PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. (“PJM”) to amend its Open Access Transmission Tariff (“OATT”) and Amended and Restated Operating Agreement (“Operating Agreement”) to accommodate additional pseudo-tied and dynamically scheduled resources into the PJM region. FERC accepted the proposal and provided an effective date of November 9, 2017, provided that PJM submits a compliance filing addressing FERC’s limited concerns in the order.

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## FERC Conditionally Allows FirstEnergy Holding Company System to Establish a Centralized RTO Interface Group

By Jamond Perry & Christopher Zentz on February 13, 2018

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On February 2, 2018, FERC conditionally granted FirstEnergy Service Company (“FirstEnergy”) a limited waiver of certain market-based rate affiliate restrictions to allow for the establishment of a centralized regional transmission organization (“RTO”) interface group. The affiliate restrictions protect captive customers from potential harm if a franchised public utility interacts with its affiliates in ways that would transfer benefits to the affiliate to the detriment of the captive customer. FERC granted the waiver to FirstEnergy, with the condition that it must keep sufficient records to permit the Commission to audit whether FirstEnergy’s representations that it would not harm captive customers are true.

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