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[FERC Establishes Technical Conference Regarding PJM Frequency Regulation Complaints](#)

By [Adrienne Thompson](#) & [Christopher Zentz](#) on April 9, 2018

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On March 30, 2018, FERC issued an order establishing a technical conference and partially granting one of two complaints against various changes to the PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. ("PJM") frequency regulation market. In partially granting one complaint, FERC found that PJM's tariff is unjust and unreasonable in so far as it omits the methodology for calculating certain regulation-related cost curves, as well as the parameters governing certain regulation market signals. In the forthcoming technical conference, FERC intends to consider both: (1) whether PJM's recent frequency regulation market changes hamper the full participation of storage resources, for example, to provide regulation services, and (2) whether PJM's regulation market design as a whole is consistent with prior FERC precedent.

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FERC Holds that MISO Interconnection Process Need Not Ensure that Interconnection Customers Receive PTC Benefits

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On April 2, 2018, FERC denied a complaint alleging that the interconnection process under Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.'s ("MISO") tariff was unjust and unreasonable because certain wind generators were experiencing delays in the process, such that those customers would not receive a Generator Interconnection Agreement ("GIA") in time to receive Federal Production Tax Credit ("PTC") benefits. In doing so, FERC found that there was no evidence that MISO was not making reasonable efforts to meet interconnection deadlines, as required by its tariff. FERC added that prior precedent does not require MISO to ensure wind generators receive their GIA in time to receive full PTC benefits.

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FERC Rejects PJM's Regulation Market Tariff Revision

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On March 30, 2018, FERC rejected PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.'s ("PJM") October 17, 2017 proposed tariff revisions to improve the performance of the PJM frequency regulation ("Regulation") market (the "Regulation Proposal"). According to PJM, the revisions were needed in light of a number of ongoing operational and market issues that had developed in the Regulation market. FERC rejected the Regulation Proposal because it did not comply with the requirements of Order No. 755 and FERC's regulations to compensate all Regulation resources based on the actual quantity of Regulation service provided.

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On April 3, 2018, FERC pre-approved numerous utilities' request to enter into certain future transmission system related transactions in the event of a catastrophic grid reliability event ("Triggering Event"). As a result, participant-utilities in the Regional Equipment Sharing for Transmission Outage Restoration Agreement ("RESTORE Agreement") are eligible to purchase certain replacement transmission system equipment (the "Proposed Transactions") from other participant-utilities if there is a Triggering Event that impacts transmission service capabilities. In addition, FERC also granted the utility-applicants' ("Applicants") request for waiver of certain affiliate purchase restrictions in the event that qualifying transactions between affiliates becomes necessary.

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