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[FERC Orders Technical Conference on Seasonal Resources Participating in PJM's RPM Capacity Market](#)

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On February 23, 2018, FERC approved PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.'s ("PJM") changes to its tariff and Reliability Assurance Agreement ("RAA") to revise Reliability Pricing Model ("RPM") capacity market rules in order to accommodate greater participation from seasonal resources. Specifically, FERC approved changes related to: (1) resource aggregation for submitting combined capacity market sell offers; (2) granting winter-period interconnection rights; and (3) demand response resource measurement and verification for seasonal resources. However, FERC separately responded to complaints that the RPM does not adequately accommodate seasonal resources by directing FERC staff to establish a technical conference to explore whether further changes are needed to permit seasonal resource participation.

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On February 27, 2018, FERC staff completed an inquiry in which they did not uncover any evidence of anticompetitive withholding of natural gas pipeline capacity on Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC pipeline ("Algonquin") by New England shippers. The inquiry initially arose from allegations made by the Environmental Defense Fund ("EDF") that Eversource Energy ("Eversource") and Avangrid, Inc. ("Avangrid") were artificially constraining capacity on the Algonquin.

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In dual orders issued on February 28, 2018, FERC affirmed that the current resource adequacy requirements of the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. ("MISO") remain just and reasonable, and simultaneously rejected an earlier MISO filing that would have imposed additional resource adequacy program changes.

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On February 28, 2018, FERC accepted ISO New England Inc.'s ("ISO-NE") and the New England Power Pool Participants Committee's ("NEPOOL") tariff revisions to replace the capacity market's existing bilateral contracting mechanism with a new mechanism, the Annual Reconfiguration Transaction ("ART"). According to ISO-NE, the ART provides an alternative method to achieve the equivalent of a Capacity Supply Obligation ("CSO") Bilateral while also accounting for a resource's impact on reliability.

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On March 1, 2018, President Donald Trump said that his administration would begin imposing a 25% tariff on imported steel and a 10% tariff on imported aluminum as early as the next week. The President's unexpected announcement came after the Department of Commerce concluded on February 16, 2018 that the importation of steel and aluminum threatens national security.

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