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On December 21, 2017, FERC Chairman Kevin McIntyre unexpectedly announced at his first Commission meeting that FERC will conduct a review of its 1999 Policy Statement on Certification of New Interstate Natural Gas Pipeline Facilities ("1999 Policy Statement"). In doing so, Chairman McIntyre recognized that "[m]uch has changed in the energy world since 1999, and it is incumbent upon [the Commission] to take another look at the way in which we assess the value and viability of our pipeline applications."

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On December 21, 2017, FERC opened investigations into the pricing of fast-start resources in three regional power markets: the New York Independent System Operator, Inc. ("NYISO"), PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. ("PJM"), and Southwest Power Pool, Inc. ("SPP").

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On December 21, 2017, FERC accepted the Southwest Power Pool, Inc.'s ("SPP") proposed tariff revisions related to its Integrated Transmission Planning ("ITP") process contained in SPP's Open Access Transmission Tariff ("Tariff"). In 2015, SPP created the Transmission Planning Improvement Task Force ("Task Force") to review its transmission planning process to determine if improvements were needed. Based on the Task Force's recommendations, SPP proposed to revise certain language in its Tariff, including moving from a three-year transmission planning cycle to a one-year cycle.

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On December 21, 2017, FERC issued an order accepting a proposal from the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. ("MISO") to revise its Open Access

Transmission, Energy, and Operating Reserve Markets Tariff ("Tariff") and establish Dynamic Narrow Constrained Areas ("Dynamic NCAs"). FERC found that MISO's proposal would strengthen existing market power mitigation measures in MISO and help ensure that the potential exercise of market power during such transitory conditions would be properly mitigated.

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