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Energy industry associations call on FERC to expand deliberative process before unprecedented rulemaking

WASHINGTON, D.C., Oct. 2, 2017 — A group of 11 energy industry associations representing natural gas, wind, solar, rural coops and other energy technologies today filed a motion at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) following the Department of Energy's (DOE) proposed rulemaking on grid resiliency pricing. In their motion, energy industry associations called on FERC to move forward with a deliberative process that considers stakeholder input as it determines whether and how to move forward with a rulemaking.

Specifically, the energy industry associations' motion:

- Opposes DOE's request for an interim final rule;
- Requests that any comment period should be at least 90 days given potential ramifications for consumers and billions of dollars of electric sector investments;
- Requests a technical conference be held prior to the end of the comment period for stakeholders to better understand the proposal and provide meaningful input; and,
- Notes that the other deadlines in the DOE proposal are "wholly unreasonable and insufficient" and should be extended, should FERC "decide to proceed with a rulemaking of this type at all."

These energy industry associations signed onto the motion:

- Advanced Energy Economy
- American Council On Renewable Energy
- American Petroleum Institute
- American Public Power Association
- American Wind Energy Association
- Electricity Consumers Resource Council
- Electric Power Supply Association
- Interstate Natural Gas Association of America
- National Rural Electric Cooperative
- Natural Gas Supply Association
- Solar Energy Industries Association

Last week, the DOE asked FERC to develop and implement reforms focused on the reliability and resiliency of America's electricity grid.