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OFFICE OF ENERGY MARKET REGULATION

New York Independent System  
Operator, Inc.  
Docket No. ER14-627-000

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Reference: Tariff Revisions to Improve Interconnection Study Processes

Dear Ms. Keegan:

On December 16, 2013, the New York Independent System Operator, Inc. (NYISO) filed tariff revisions to its interconnection procedures set forth in Attachment X and Attachment Z to the NYISO Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT) to modify the procedures pertaining to the evaluation of increases in the energy capability of existing generating facilities.<sup>1</sup> NYISO proposes to use a *de minimus* criteria for determining when increase in the capability of existing generating facilities are required to undergo the NYISO interconnection study procedures.

Specifically, NYISO proposes that an increase in an existing large generating facility's Energy Resource Interconnection Service (ERIS) capability that is associated with non-material equipment changes will not require a new interconnection study in circumstances where the increase is no more than 10 MW or five percent of a facility's existing ERIS capability, whichever is greater. Similarly, an increase in a small generating facility's ERIS capability that is associated with non-material equipment changes will not require a new interconnection study in circumstances where the increase

<sup>1</sup> New York Independent System Operator, Inc., NYISO Tariffs, [NYISO OATT, 30.1 OATT Att X Definitions, 4.0.0](#); [NYISO OATT, 30.3 OATT Att X Interconnection Requests, 2.0.0](#); [NYISO OATT, 30.14 OATT Att X Appendices, 3.0.0](#); [NYISO OATT, 32.1 OATT Att Z Application, 3.0.0](#); and [NYISO OATT, 32.5 OATT Att Z Appendices, 3.0.0](#).

is no more than 2 MW and which provides for a total ERIS capability of no more than 20 MW.

Pursuant to the authority delegated to the Director, Division of Electric Power Regulation – East, under 18 C.F.R. §375.307, your submittal is accepted for filing effective February 14, 2014 as requested.

The filing was noticed on December 17, 2013, with comments, interventions and protests due on or before January 6, 2013. Pursuant to Rule 214 (18 C.F.R. § 385.214 (2013)), to the extent that any timely filed motions to intervene and any motion to intervene out-of-time were filed before the issuance date of this order, such interventions are granted. Granting late interventions at this stage of the proceeding will not disrupt the proceeding or place additional burdens on existing parties.

This acceptance for filing shall not be construed as constituting approval of the referenced filing or of any rate, charge, classification, or any rule, regulation, or practice affecting such rate or service contained in your filing; nor shall such acceptance be deemed as recognition of any claimed contractual right or obligation associated therewith; and such acceptance is without prejudice to any findings or orders which have been or may hereafter be made by the Commission in any proceeding now pending or hereafter instituted by or against NYISO.

This order constitutes final agency action. Requests for rehearing by the Commission may be filed within 30 days of the date of issuance of this order, pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 385.713.

Sincerely,

Jignasa Gadani, Director  
Division of Electric Power  
Regulation – East