FERC’s Demand Response Responsibility in EPAct 2005

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REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, the Commission shall prepare and publish an annual report, by appropriate region, that assesses demand response resources, including those available from all consumer classes, and which identifies and reviews—

(A) saturation and penetration rates of advanced meters and communications technologies, devices and systems;
(B) existing demand response programs and time-based rate programs;
(C) the annual resource contribution of demand resources;
(D) the potential for demand response as a quantifiable, reliable resource for regional planning purposes;
(E) steps taken to ensure that, in regional transmission planning and operations, demand resources are provided equitable treatment as a quantifiable, reliable resource relative to the resource obligations of any load-serving entity, transmission provider, or transmitting party; and
(F) regulatory barriers to improved customer participation in demand response, peak reduction and critical period pricing programs.
FERC Research Plan

- Review available research
- Analyze existing data on metering and demand response
- Conduct web-based survey of advanced metering and demand response programs
- Request comments from interested parties
- Hold technical conference on advanced metering and demand response
- Complete report for Congress by August 2006
FERC Docket AD06-2

- A docket has been created for the EPAct report
- Notice of survey and technical conference released November 3
- Notice contains
  - Procedures and timelines for comments
  - Technical conference issues
  - Draft advanced metering and demand response program survey
  - Copy of notice can be found at http://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/common/opennat.asp?fileID=10871093
Timeline for Comments

- Comments on Draft Survey – December 5
- Comments on Technical Conference Issues – December 19
- Interest in participating in technical conference – December 5
- Technical Conference – Late January or early February 2006
Draft Timeline for Survey

- Comments on survey due December 5
- Currently under OMB review
- Contingent upon OMB approval, final survey released January 2006
- Responses due by March 2006