Dear Tribal Leader,

On December 15, 2022, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("Commission") issued a proposed rule regarding the Commission's siting authority for interstate electric transmission lines. The proposed rule would impact the way certain electric transmission lines are sited, including the Commission's environmental review of qualifying transmission lines. The proposed rule was issued in response to congressional directives included in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

The Commission values the insights and concerns of Tribal Nations and is seeking your input during the development of this rule. To inform your comments, Commission staff is providing you and your staff with an overview of the proposed rule and an opportunity to engage Commission staff in a Q&A. The session will not be recorded and is not intended to function as government-to-government consultation on the proposed rule.

You can find a copy of the proposed rule and other relevant information <u>here</u>.

Comments:

Comments on the proposed rule are due April 17, 2023.

Comments, identified by docket number, may be filed in the following ways.

- Electronic filing through https://ferconline.ferc.gov/ is preferred. Documents must be filed in acceptable native applications and print-to-PDF, but not in scanned or picture format.
- For those unable to file electronically, comments may be filed by U.S. Postal Service mail or by hand (including courier) delivery.
 - Mail via U.S. Postal Service only: Addressed to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Secretary, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.
 - o For delivery via any other carrier (including courier): Deliver to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Secretary, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852.

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