

PROPOSED AGENDA
Technical Conference on Large Load Additions Non-Binding Guidelines
May 7, 2026 – 9:00AM
1st Floor Galvez Building – Natchez Room

1. Opening Purpose and Commission Framing

- Alignment with economic development objectives and Commission oversight
- Role of the Lightning Directive within existing certification framework
- Overview of Staff guidelines and core areas of risk

2. Federal and Jurisdictional Context

- Overview of FERC RM26-4 large load rulemaking
- Federal vs. state roles in large load regulation
- Preservation of Commission authority over retail service and cost allocation

3. Regional Transmission Organization Developments

- SPP large load framework (HILL, HILLGA, CHILLS)
- MISO large load initiatives (LLWG, ZGIA)
- Comparison of approaches and implications for Commission review

4. Defining “Large Load” for Commission Purposes

- Existing Commission constructs (e.g., 5% threshold)
- Size vs. system impact considerations
- Potential approaches for identifying loads requiring enhanced review

5. Load Characterization and Operational Profile

- Hourly and sub-hourly load behavior
- Ramp capability and system responsiveness
- Alignment of load characteristics with system capability

6. Resource Adequacy and Capacity Responsibility

- Integration of large loads into resource planning and certification
- Role of dedicated vs. market-based capacity
- Evaluation of long-term adequacy and load uncertainty

7. Transmission, Interconnection, and Deliverability

- Distinction between interconnection and reliable service
- Application of transmission certification framework

- Exemptions for customer-specific facilities and potential reconsideration
- Reliability considerations in transmission certification

8. Operational Control, Curtailment, and Reliability Rights

- Curtailment authority and structure
- Role of curtailment in planning vs. operations
- Treatment of curtailment vs. load shed risk

9. Cost Recovery, Rate Design, and Cross-Subsidy Protection

- Alignment of cost causation and cost recovery
- Treatment of risks associated with load variability and exit
- Protection of existing ratepayers

10. Stranded Asset and Exit Risk

- Identification and mitigation of long-term investment risk
- Evaluation of asset reuse and residual value
- Financial protections and allocation of stranded cost exposure

11. Fuel Supply and Infrastructure

- Adequacy of fuel supply under peak and stress conditions
- Infrastructure requirements and cost allocation
- Fuel-related reliability considerations

12. Market, FAC, and Planning Impacts

- System-wide impacts beyond interconnection
- Interaction with energy markets and FAC
- Incorporation into IRP, RFP, and transmission planning

13. Ongoing Oversight and Reporting

- Monitoring of load development and system impacts
- Reporting practices and transparency
- Tracking of deviations from initial assumptions

14. Closing Session: Path Forward

- Role of guidelines vs. formal requirements
- Potential areas for clarification or standardization
- Stakeholder input on next steps