

**FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, DC 20426**

September 19, 2019

**OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN**

The Honorable John E. Howard  
South Carolina Public Service Commission  
Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Commissioner Howard:

Thank you for your September 6, 2019, letter regarding FERC's Grid Resilience Pricing in Regional Transmission Organizations and Independent System Operators docket (AD18-7-000). Please be assured that FERC remains vigilant to reliability and resilience concerns and is committed to actively addressing these issues with industry and other relevant stakeholders.

In the order initiating this proceeding, the Commission described past actions it has taken that have enhanced the resilience of the bulk power system and reaffirmed its commitment to ensuring continual improvement to reliability and resilience. Among other goals, this proceeding is intended to develop a common interpretation of resilience as well as an understanding of how FERC-jurisdictional entities assess and take measures to ensure ongoing resilience. FERC received responses from a variety of stakeholders, including market operators, trade associations, state agencies, public power entities, utilities, generators, public interest organizations, and individuals.

My colleagues and I are reviewing this matter. However, as the Commission determines a path forward to continue to promote the reliability and resilience of the electric system, I note that several regions are concurrently taking action to improve reliability and resilience such as introducing new products and services, and developing market rule changes. I also note that the Commission already has taken some steps that address resilience of the bulk power system such as approving procedures for utilities to share spare transformers in the event of a system emergency. Further, FERC staff has begun outreach to state utility commissions to discuss how we may exchange information on these issues. The Commission continues to work with all stakeholders to ensure that well-developed market rules and reliability standards are in place.

**If I can be of any further assistance in this or any other Commission matter,  
please let me know.**

**Sincerely,**

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**Neil Chatterjee  
Chairman**

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