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Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on April 12, 2021.

Dated: March 18, 2021.

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Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

Records Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(b), of the receipt of prohibited and exempt off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive a prohibited or exempt off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of a contested proceeding, to deliver to the Secretary of the Commission, a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication.

Prohibited communications are included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not a part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become a part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited off-the-record communication and may request that

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The following is a list of off-the-record communications recently received by the Secretary of the Commission. The communications listed are grouped by docket numbers in ascending order. These filings are available for electronic review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission’s website at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the eLibrary link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits, in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

Docket Nos.	File date	Presenter or requester
Prohibited:		
1. P-178-000	3-5-2021	FERC Staff ¹ .
2. P-10853-000	3-5-2021	FERC Staff ² .
3. CP17-458-000	3-17-2021	FERC Staff ³ .
Exempt:		
1. CP17-494-000	3-2-2021	State of Oregon, Governor Kate Brown.
2. ER21-1111-000	3-15-2021	South Carolina Senator Tom Davis.
3. ER20-2878-000	3-16-2021	U.S.Congress ⁴ .

¹ Telephone Memorandum dated March 1, 2021 regarding call between Commission staff and Ted Sorenson, Kern & Tule Hydro.

² Email dated 3/2/21 regarding communication between Commission staff and Laura Cowan, Klein Schmidt Group.

³ Email dated 03/08/2021 regarding communication between Commission staff and Mark Morris.

⁴ U.S. Representatives Jim Costa, Josh Harder, and John Garamendi.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM21-14-000]

Participation of Aggregators of Retail Demand Response Customers in Markets Operated by Regional Transmission Organizations and Independent System Operators

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of inquiry.

SUMMARY: In this Notice of Inquiry, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission seeks comment on whether to revise its regulations that require a Regional Transmission Organization or Independent System Operator not to accept bids from an aggregator of retail customers that aggregates the demand response of the customers of utilities that distributed more than 4 million megawatt-hours in the previous fiscal year, where the relevant electric retail