Pursuant to the Commission's notices issued on September 10, 2002 and October 2, 2002, the Northeast Power Coordinating Council ("NPCC") hereby submits its comments in the above-captioned rulemaking proceeding.

NPCC is one of the Nation’s ten Regional Reliability Councils ("RRC"), which together make up the North American Electric Reliability Council. NPCC’s region encompasses Northeastern North America, including all of New York and New England and the area of eastern Canada of the Ontario, Quebec and Maritime Provinces.np
d Approximately 70 percent of Canada’s interconnected load are located within NPCC’s region. NPCC plays a vital role in assuring the reliability of the interconnected bulk power systems in its region through the establishment of reliability criteria, coordination of system design and operation, and the assessment of compliance with reliability criteria. The NPCC Membership Agreement provides for open, inclusive membership and fair and non-discriminatory governance with the Council’s activities directed by a balanced stakeholder Executive Committee. NPCC’s principal office is located at 1515 Broadway, 43rd floor, New York, New York 10036.

As the Regional Reliability Council for the Northeastern portion of North America, NPCC is especially interested in the Commission's rulemaking initiative, in particular those aspects that may affect reliability, namely, resource adequacy and transmission planning. The Commission has extended the time for comment on these issues to January 10, 2003. NPCC
intends to submit comments on these reliability-related issues in January, and will not comment on the issues that are to be the subject of the comments due today. However, in the event NPCC’s January comments necessitate comment on these non-reliability-related issues, NPCC respectfully requests the right to comment in its January comments.

Respectfully submitted,

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