

# FERC Orders Requiring Reallocations and Refunds

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- FERC denied the Requests for Rehearing for the Form 715 order, but misstated PJM's intended settlement timeline
- On August 12, PJM filed a Request for Clarification regarding the settlement timeline for Form 715, asking FERC to rule on an expedited basis by August 28, but no later than September 18
- FERC ruled in favor of PJM's settlement timeline on September
  - Bill charges one calendar year per month beginning in September
    2020 monthly bill, ending in February 2021 monthly bill
  - Allocate credits on a one month delay beginning in October 2020 monthly bill, ending in March 2021 monthly bill



# Proposed Form 715 Settlement

|                  | Monthly Bill   |               |
|------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Calendar<br>Year | Charges        | Credits       |
| 2015             | September 2020 | October 2020  |
| 2016             | October 2020   | November 2020 |
| 2017             | November 2020  | December 2020 |
| 2018             | December 2020  | January 2021  |
| 2019             | January 2021   | February 2021 |
| 2020             | February 2021  | March 2021    |

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- No order on rehearing or clarification was issued by FERC
- On June 1, 2020, the Commission issued a tolling order
- On July 27, 2020, NYPA and HTP filed a petition for review against FERC with the D.C. Court of Appeals to preserve their appellate rights
- PJM began normal monthly billing in August for the applicable projects
- Historical settlement process
  - Bill charges one calendar year per month beginning in August 2020 monthly bill, ending in October 2020 monthly bill
  - Allocate credits on a one month delay beginning in September 2020 monthly bill, ending in November 2020 monthly bill



### Docket ER18-680 Settlement

|                  | Monthly Bill   |                |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Calendar<br>Year | Charges        | Credits        |
| 2018             | August 2020    | September 2020 |
| 2019             | September 2020 | October 2020   |
| 2020             | October 2020   | November 2020  |





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# Form 715 Compliance Filings

- FERC Form 715 order changes the cost allocation of the impacted projects from 100% to the zone of the transmission owner of each project to a cost allocation using PJM's reliability cost allocation methodology
  - Network customers in the impacted zones will receive a refund
  - Charges are reallocated across multiple zones and Merchant Transmission Facilities (MTFs)
- FERC Form 715 order requires PJM to rebill parties with interest back to May 25, 2015.
  - 44 Form 715 projects are impacted by the order
    - 33 projects in PS zone
    - 11 projects in Dominion zone

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# Cost Reallocations for Merchant Transmission Facilities (MTFs)

- Effective January 1, 2018, Linden VFT and Hudson Transmission Partners (HTP) converted their Firm Transmission Withdrawal Rights (TWRs) to Non-Firm TWRs.
- As a result, PJM revised Schedule 12–Appendices to remove all cost allocations from MTFs (Docket No. ER18-680)
- FERC approved Docket ER18-680, but required PJM to reassign cost responsibility back to Linden VFT and HTP for a specific set of projects:
  - Projects using a violation-based DFAX methodology
  - Lower voltage economic projects.

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### Transmission Enhancement Worksheets

- Transmission Enhancement worksheets for each order are posted on the Billing, Settlements, & Credit page
- Information is considered preliminary and subject to revision based on any FERC rulings
- Worksheets contain historical allocation changes
  - Form 715 Order project revenue and cost allocations dating back to May 2015
  - Docket No. ER18-680 revised project cost allocations dating back to January 2018
- Summary spreadsheet with annual charge and credit estimates



# Requests for Rehearing and Clarification

- Requests for Rehearing and Clarification filed by Linden VFT, Long Island Power Authority, Neptune, and New York Power Authority (NYPA).
- Linden VFT and NYPA request settlement relief if FERC does not grant a rehearing request:
  - Delay billing until January 2021
  - Permit a 12 month settlement period in equal installments from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021
- PJM submitted filings to FERC for both orders, requesting FERC to act promptly on the Requests for Rehearing and Clarification
- FERC denied the Requests for Rehearing for the Form 715 order, but misstated PJM's intended settlement timeline
- On August 12, PJM filed a Request for Clarification regarding the settlement timeline for Form 715, asking FERC to rule on an expedited basis by August 28, but no later than September 18

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