

## **Tariff, Part IX, Section 1, Execution Deadlines**

Unless otherwise stated in a specific agreement, the following provisions shall apply to any agreement under Tariff, Part IX, between Transmission Provider, a Project Developer, Eligible Customer or Upgrade Customer, and, where applicable, a Transmission Owner. In addition to any other requirements under such agreement, no later than fifteen (15) Business Days after Transmission Provider's tender for execution of such agreement, Project Developer, Eligible Customer or Upgrade Customer, shall either: (i) execute the agreement; or (ii) request in writing dispute resolution as allowed under Tariff, Part I, section 12 or, if concerning the Regional Transmission Expansion Plan, consistent with Operating Agreement, Schedule 5, or that the agreement be filed unexecuted with the Commission. Such agreement shall be deemed to be terminated and withdrawn if Project Developer, Eligible Customer or Upgrade Customer, fails to comply with these requirements. If a Transmission Owner is party to the agreement, following tender of the agreement and no later than fifteen (15) Business Days after execution by Project Developer, Eligible Customer or Upgrade Customer, Transmission Owner shall either: (i) execute the agreement; or (ii) request in writing dispute resolution as allowed under Tariff, Part I, section 12 or, if concerning the Regional Transmission Expansion Plan, consistent with Operating Agreement, Schedule 5, or that the agreement be filed unexecuted with the Commission. Following execution by Transmission Owner (or by the Project Developer if there is not Transmission Owner that is subject to the agreement) Transmission Provider shall either: (i) execute the agreement; (ii) request in writing dispute resolution as allowed under Tariff, Part I, section 12 or, if concerning the Regional Transmission Expansion Plan, consistent with Operating Agreement, Schedule 5, or (iii) file with FERC the agreement in unexecuted form. Transmission Provider may also file the agreement with FERC in unexecuted form if Transmission Owner does not comply with the requirements above.

With the filing of any unexecuted agreement, Transmission Provider may, in its discretion, propose to FERC a resolution of any or all of the issues in dispute between the parties.