



The Secretary of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

October 23, 2025

The Honorable David Rosner, Chairman
The Honorable Laura Swett, Commissioner
The Honorable Lindsay S. See, Commissioner
The Honorable Judy W. Chang, Commissioner
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

Re: *Secretary of Energy's Direction that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Initiate Rulemaking Procedures and Proposal Regarding the Interconnection of Large Loads Pursuant to the Secretary's Authority Under Section 403 of the Department of Energy Organization Act*

Dear Chairman Rosner and Commissioners,

To usher in a new era of American prosperity, we must ensure all Americans and domestic industries have access to affordable, reliable, and secure electricity. To do this, large loads, including AI data centers, served by public utilities must be able to connect to the transmission system in a timely, orderly, and non-discriminatory manner. This is an urgent issue that requires prompt attention.

Congress authorized the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission or FERC) jurisdiction over the transmission of electric energy in interstate commerce and the sale of electricity at wholesale in interstate commerce.¹ Historically, the Commission has not exerted jurisdiction over load interconnections. It is my view that the interconnection of large loads directly to the interstate transmission system to access the transmission system and the electricity transmitted over it falls squarely within the Commission's jurisdiction.

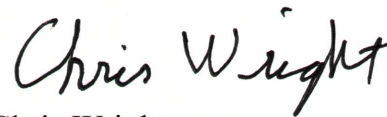
¹ 16 U.S.C. § 824.

Asserting Commission jurisdiction is in the public's interest. This Administration is committed to revitalizing domestic manufacturing² and driving American AI innovation,³ both of which will require unprecedented and extraordinary quantities of electricity and substantial investment in the Nation's interstate transmission system. We must do so efficiently, fairly, and expeditiously. Thus, pursuant to my authority under section 403 of the Department of Energy Organization Act,⁴ I attach for the Commission's consideration the enclosed advance notice of proposed rulemaking.

My proposal today sets forth a series of principles that are intended to ensure efficient, timely, and non-discriminatory load interconnections. It is my hope that you and the Commission's dedicated staff will build upon these principles and work expeditiously to initiate a rulemaking proceeding and ultimately issue a final rule.

On behalf of the American people, and given the urgency of this issue, I look forward to your consideration and final action (no later than April 30, 2026).⁵

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Wright". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Chris Wright
Secretary of Energy

² <https://www.whitehouse.gov/articles/2025/10/president-trump-continues-to-drive-an-american-manufacturing-boom/>.

³ <https://www.whitehouse.gov/fact-sheets/2025/09/fact-sheet-president-donald-j-trump-prioritizes-harnessing-american-ai-innovation-to-unlock-cures-for-pediatric-cancer/>.

⁴ “The Secretary . . . [is] authorized to propose rules, regulations, and statements of policy of general applicability with respect to any function within the jurisdiction of the Commission under section 402 of this Act.” 42 U.S.C. § 7173(a). “NEPA does not apply to rulemaking actions proposed by the Secretary pursuant to section 403(a) of the DOE Act . . . because such proposals are not final agency action.” DOE NEPA Implementing Procedures, § 2.1(c)(8) (2025).

⁵ “The Commission . . . shall consider and take final action on any proposal made by the Secretary . . . in an expeditious manner in accordance with such reasonable time limits as may be set by the Secretary for the completion of action by the Commission on any such proposal.” 42 U.S.C. § 7173(b).