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**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

The Honorable Kimberly Bose  
Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, N.E.  
Washington, DC 20426

**Re: Entergy Services, Inc., Docket Nos. OA09-27 and ER09-1180, Request for Deferred Effective Date**

Dear Secretary Bose:

On May 5, 2009, in the above-referenced proceeding, Entergy Services, Inc. (“Entergy”), on behalf of the Entergy Operating Companies,<sup>1</sup> submitted revised tariff sheets for the currently effective version of Attachment C to Entergy’s Open Access Transmission Tariff (“OATT”) (“May 5 Filing”).<sup>2</sup> This filing proposed revisions to Entergy’s Attachment C to be effective June 1, 2009 as required to facilitate Entergy’s anticipated transition to software developed by OATi for the calculation of Available Flowgate Capability (“AFC”) values (webTrans) and for the evaluation of transmission service availability for Entergy’s Operating, Planning, and Study Horizons (webOASIS). As Entergy’s AFC process currently uses an OASIS platform provided by AREVA and a supporting application (OASIS Automation) for the aforementioned calculation and evaluation, the May 5 Filing was necessary to address the transition generally as well as to address variations between Entergy’s current software applications and the OASIS software and supporting applications provided by OATi.

In the May 5 Filing, Entergy explained that said filing was the first of two filings that Entergy considered necessary to transition to OATi. The second filing that Entergy described in

<sup>1</sup> The Entergy Operating Companies are Entergy Arkansas, Inc, Entergy Gulf States Louisiana, LLC, Entergy Louisiana, LLC, Entergy Mississippi, Inc., Entergy New Orleans, Inc., and Entergy Texas, Inc.

<sup>2</sup> Entergy notes that the May 5 Filing was originally assigned to Docket No. OA09-27 in the Commission’s May 7, 2009 Combined Notice of Filings, but was subsequently assigned a new Docket No. ER09-1180 on May 21, 2009. Out of abundance of caution, Entergy is submitting and serving this Request for Deferred Effective Date in both Docket Nos. OA09-27 and ER09-1180.

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the May 5 Filing would be required to propose similar revisions to the Attachment C included in Entergy's April 3, 2009 filing in Docket No. ER05-1065-011 and OA07-32-008 ("April 3 Filing"). That filing is anticipated to be made, as indicated in Entergy's May 5 Filing, once Entergy has determined the scope of changes that will be necessary to the Attachment C included in the April 3 Filing and those changes have been vetted through the stakeholder process.

While Entergy and Entergy's Independent Coordinator of Transmission ("ICT") have been working diligently to prepare for the launch of webOASIS and webTrans, Entergy believes that additional time is required to test the new OATi software for compliance with regulatory and other requirements (including Entergy-specific customizations) and to provide necessary training to both Entergy and ICT personnel and Entergy stakeholders.

More specifically, Entergy is in the process of performing testing of the OATi software prior to placing same into operation. Although it has been working with its ICT and external resources to develop and execute the testing of the OATi software, such testing is an extensive, resource-intensive process which Entergy needs additional time to complete. Additionally, Entergy has committed to host a seminar for its stakeholders on the webOASIS OASIS platform prior to "go live." The purpose of this seminar is to familiarize stakeholders with the new formats, functionality, and placement of data postings as well as to provide stakeholders with an opportunity to make inquiries of same. This session is currently being coordinated between OATi and Entergy and is anticipated to be scheduled in the near future. In order to schedule the seminar at an appropriately convenient time for Entergy, the ICT, and Entergy stakeholders, Entergy believes that additional time is necessary.

Accordingly, Entergy is hereby amending the May 5 Filing to defer Entergy's proposed June 1, 2009 effective date to the actual implementation date for OATi which Entergy currently anticipates will be early August 2009. Entergy commits to submit a filing providing the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at least fifteen (15) days prior notice before this transition. In that filing, Entergy will provide revised tariff sheets with an effective date reflecting the actual implementation date for OATi and will request all necessary waivers to allow those tariff sheets to be accepted to become effective as requested.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions at the contact information provided above.

Sincerely,

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Attorney for Entergy Services, Inc.

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon those designated on the official service list compiled by the Secretary in this proceeding.

Dated this 28th day of May 2009.

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