

Order No. 202-05-1

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by section 202(c) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. 824a(c), and section 301(b) of the Department of Energy Organization Act, 42 U.S.C. 7151(b), and for the reasons set forth below, I hereby determine that an emergency exists in Texas due to a shortage of electric energy, a shortage of facilities for the generation of electric energy, a shortage of facilities for the transmission of electric energy and other causes, and that issuance of this order will serve to alleviate the emergency and serve the public interest.

As a result of the massive devastation caused by Hurricane Rita, which further exacerbated the dire conditions caused by Hurricane Katrina, large portions of the areas affected by the hurricanes are without electricity, posing a threat to human life and health. It is my judgment that in these circumstances, the order I am issuing today will meet the emergency and serve the public interest because it will alleviate electricity shortages and protect the life and health of the people in the affected areas.

Based on my determination set forth above, I hereby order:

Effective immediately, CenterPoint Energy is authorized and directed to temporarily connect at distribution and transmission level voltages such as 12.5kV, 13.2kV, 25kV, 69kV, 138kV, and 230kV to restore power to Entergy Gulf States, Inc. as well as electric cooperatives and municipal customers within the State of Texas. Pursuant to section 202(d) of the Federal Power Act, during the continuance of this order, any person engaged in the transmission and sale of electric energy and not otherwise subject to the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) may make such temporary connections with any public utility subject to the jurisdiction of FERC and shall not become subject to FERC jurisdiction as a result of that temporary connection.

This order shall be effective upon its issuance and shall expire at 12:01 a.m., November 1, 2005.

Issued in Washington, D.C. at 12:40 pm this 28th day of September, 2005.



Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary of Energy