

**December 2020 Highlights**

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**[Senate Confirmation of Christie, Clements](#)**

The U.S. Senate's November 30 confirmation of the nominations of Mark Christie and Allison Clements to join FERC brings the Commission to its full, five-member complement of Commissioners for the first time in nearly two years. [News Release](#)

- **[Clements Sworn in as FERC Commissioner](#)**

Allison Clements was sworn in December 8 as a member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. FERC Chief Administrative Law Judge Carmen Cintron administered the oath of office. [News Release](#) | [Commissioner Clements' \(@ClementsFERC\) Twitter Account](#)

- **[Christie to be Sworn in as FERC Commissioner on Jan. 4](#)**

Mark Christie will take his oath of office on Monday, January 4, 2021 at 2pm at the State Corporation Commission. The event will be [webcast](#).

**[FERC Considers Incentives for Cybersecurity Investments by Public Utilities](#)**

FERC took a major step toward enhancing the cybersecurity posture of the bulk power system with a proposal for public utilities to secure incentive-based rate treatment for voluntary cybersecurity investments that go above and beyond mandatory Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) Reliability Standards.

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**[FERC Looks for Greater Transparency with Proposed Changes to Price Indices Policy](#)**

FERC acted to provide greater transparency into the natural gas price formation process and encourage energy market participants to report transactions to price index developers by proposing two new policies guiding the price indices referenced in natural gas and electric tariffs.

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**[Staff Provides Observations About 2020 California Heat Event](#)**

Commission staff gave their preliminary observations of the August 2020 California heat storm, which forced load shedding throughout the state. Separately, FERC staff outlined possible actions that could improve how the California Independent System Operator runs the market there.

[Staff Presentation on California Independent System Operator](#)

**[FERC Sets New Five-Year Index Level for Interstate Oil Pipeline Rates](#)**

FERC established a new index level for calculation of interstate oil pipeline rates for 2021 through 2026.

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**[Oil Pipeline Policy Statement Proceeding Terminated](#)**

FERC terminated the October 2020 proposed policy statement proceeding on oil pipeline affiliate contracts.

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**A Look Ahead**

- December 24 – 25, 2020 – FERC Offices closed
- Jan 1, 2021 – FERC Offices closed
- January 19, 2021 – Next Commission Meeting | [Event Details](#)



### **Chairman Danly Recognizes Kimberly Bose, John Shepherd**

Chairman Danly used the December meeting to recognize Secretary Kimberly Bose and the Office of General Counsel's John Shepherd for their outstanding efforts at the Commission. Chairman Danly presented Secretary Bose with the Chairman's Executive Leadership Award, and he awarded Mr. Shepherd with the Chairman's Medal.

"I've worked with her for three years, and I can say she is a consummate professional, meticulous, deliberate, exercises impeccable judgment," Chairman Danly said of Secretary Bose.

"He's an absolutely extraordinary lawyer. He has done an incredible amount of work as the director of legal policy," Chairman Danly said of John Shepherd.

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