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PSC Chairman Urges President To Postpone RTO Mediation

ATLANTA – Public Service Commission Chairman Lauren “Bubba” McDonald, Jr. is urging President George W. Bush to postpone any action in the mediation process for the Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) in the wake of the terrorist attacks on New York City and Washington. In his letter McDonald writes, “our national security has been compromised and, therefore, this is not the time to consider or implement any change in the management of our nation’s transmission grid.”

The RTO mediation process is taking place at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Under the FERC proposal, Regional Transmission Organizations would control electric power distribution grids in specific regions of the country.

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