



Decision on proposed cybersecurity tariff amendment

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Increased cybersecurity threats require the ISO to act immediately in the event of an attack on its systems.

- Proposal expands the ISO's ability to share confidential information, without notice to affected market participants, in the event of a cyberattack on the ISO's systems.
 - Allows the ISO to provide certain federal agencies (e.g., Homeland Security) immediate access to the ISO's systems in response to a "cyber exigency".
 - A "cyber exigency" is an event with the potential to compromise the ISO's operations, markets, or the reliability of the grid and requires the ISO to obtain assistance from federal agencies to counter the attack.
 - The ISO will be under no obligation to provide information to these federal agencies.

Should agencies obtain confidential market participant information during their investigation, they must protect the confidentiality of that information.

- The ISO will not share confidential market participant information with a federal agency without a prior agreement with that agency regarding how the data will be shared and protected.
- If the ISO receives a request from Homeland Security to share confidential market participant information with third parties, the ISO will notify the affected market participants so they can object to the request.

The proposal is supported by stakeholders.

Management recommends the Board approve the proposal.

- Allows the ISO to seek immediate assistance from appropriate federal agencies in the event of a cyber exigency.
- Provides a clear process that allows the ISO and any affected market participant to prevent the sharing of confidential information in response to a third party data request.
- The ISO retains full control regarding the access and scope of any investigation performed by these agencies.
 - Should these agencies obtain confidential market participant information, they will be obligated to protect the confidentiality of that information.