## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

| MICHAEL MABEE,                        | )      |                                |
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| Plaintiff,                            | )      | Civil Action No. 19-3448 (KBJ) |
| v.                                    | )      | CIVII ACUOII NO. 17-3440 (KD3) |
| FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION, | )      |                                |
| Defendant.                            | )<br>) |                                |
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## DEFENDANT FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION'S APRIL 7, 2020 MONTHLY STATUS REPORT

Pursuant to the Court's January 28, 2020 Minute Order, Defendant Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") respectfully submits the following monthly Status Report regarding the processing of the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") requests at issue in the above-referenced matter.

## **Relevant Background**

- 1. The above-captioned case concerns three FOIA requests filed by Plaintiff Michael Mabee ("Plaintiff") seeking the identities of Unidentified Registered Entities ("URE") associated with numerous FERC Notice of Penalty dockets.
- 2. On January 28, 2020, the Court issued a Minute Order ("January 28th Order") directing FERC to "process a minimum of 10-15 dockets per month and . . . issue a response to Plaintiff's FOIA requests on the 30th day of each month . . . until production is complete."
- 3. The January 28th Order also requires FERC to file a monthly status report regarding the processing of Plaintiff's FOIA requests on the 7th day of each month.

## **Status Report**

- 4. On March 30, 2020, FERC provided Plaintiff with a response to his FOIA requests as to the following eleven (11) dockets: NP11-21-000; NP11-22-000; NP11-56-000; NP11-59-000; NP11-63-000; NP11-64-000; NP11-70-000; NP11-72-000; NP11-79-000; and NP11-81-000.
- 5. Based on its internal assessments, FERC denied the release of the URE identities associated with the foregoing eleven (11) dockets. *See* Joint Status Report (ECF No. 9) ¶¶ 10-14.
- 6. FERC anticipates that it will process ten (10) or more additional dockets during the month of April, and will file its next status report on Thursday, May 7, 2020.

Dated: April 7, 2020 Respectfully submitted,

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