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As Chairman, he instituted regional transmission organizations under Order No. 2000 to plan and administer the bulk electric power system. He instituted new market oversight functions and real-time market reports at FERC, and streamlined regulatory processes across the agency.

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