

result in cost shifts.”<sup>11</sup> On what basis does MISO make that claim? Has MISO performed any studies to draw that conclusion? If so, please explain the results of the study.

15. Could MISO include voltage management as a constraint in an SCED/SCUC model that would allow for cost allocation in the same way that the constraint management charge is derived?

16. Please explain any objections MISO may have with regard to allowing Local Balancing Authority (LBA) Area participation in studies that result in costs being allocated to those LBAs.

17. Referencing the transmittal letter in Docket No. ER12-678-000 at 11, indicate objective criteria MISO would use that would form the basis for a broader allocation beyond the LBA Area.

18. Referencing the discussion in the transmittal letter in Docket No. ER12-678-000 at 15 of “Commercially Significant” voltage and local reliability issues, explain all the criteria that MISO will use to determine if a VLR is commercially significant.

**Session 3: Mitigation (Docket No. ER12-679-000) (2 p.m.–4 p.m.)**

19. The IMM’s testimony describes voltage support commitments and reasons for those commitments, stating that “local reliability and voltage support needs generally pertain to a very limited geographic area where the resources available to satisfy the reliability needs are owned by a very small number of suppliers, often only a single supplier.”<sup>12</sup> How will the IMM determine which units are VLR commitments? How will the IMM monitor for units committed for VLR and for economics (and which mitigation thresholds will apply)?

20. To what extent do MISO and/or the IMM expect VLR mitigation to stem increasing Revenue Sufficiency Guarantee costs?

21. Explain the interplay between VLR mitigation and existing mitigation measures within Broad Constrained Areas (BCAs) and Narrow Constrained Areas (NCAs). Could a resource be mitigated under both sets of mitigation thresholds? If so, under what circumstances?

22. Please describe how MISO will determine reference levels for units committed for VLR. Given the specific market power concerns associated with VLRs, is it appropriate to use historical

offer information to determine their initial reference levels?

**Conference Conclusion: Next Steps (4 p.m.–4:30 p.m.)**

Staff will conclude the conference and outline next steps.

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*Deputy Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. AD12-13-000]

**Staff Technical Conference on Geomagnetic Disturbances to the Bulk-Power System; Technical Conference Agenda**

As announced in the Notice of Technical Conference issued on April 6, 2012, the Commission Staff will hold a technical conference on Monday, April 30, 2012, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to discuss issues related to the reliability of the Bulk-Power System as affected by geomagnetic disturbances. The conference will explore the risks and impacts from geomagnetically induced currents to transformers and other equipment on the Bulk-Power System, as well as, options for addressing or mitigating the risks and impacts. The agenda for this conference is attached. Commission members will participate in this conference. All interested persons are invited to attend.

The Commission will be accepting written comments regarding the matters discussed at this technical conference. Any person or entity wishing to submit written comments regarding the matters discussed at the conference should submit such comments in Docket No. AD12-13-000, on or before May 21, 2012.

Information on this event will be posted on the Calendar of Events on the Commission’s Web site, [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov), prior to the event. The conference will be transcribed. Transcripts will be available immediately for a fee from Ace Reporting Company (202-347-3700 or 1-800-336-6646). A free webcast of this event is also available through [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov). Anyone with Internet access who desires to listen to this event can do so by navigating to [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)’s Calendar of Events and locating this event in the Calendar. The event will contain a link to the webcast. The Capitol Connection provides

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For more information about this conference, please contact: Sarah McKinley, Office of External Affairs, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-8368, [sarah.mckinley@ferc.gov](mailto:sarah.mckinley@ferc.gov).

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[EPA-HQ-OAR-2003-0162; FRL-9665-9]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Regional Haze Regulations; EPA ICR No. 1813.08**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that the EPA is planning to submit a request to renew an existing approved Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). This ICR is scheduled to expire on October 31, 2012. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, the EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

**DATES:** *Comments.* Written comments must be received on or before June 25, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2003-0162, by one of the following methods:

- [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov): follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

<sup>11</sup> MISO Answer in Docket No. ER12-678-000 at 9.

<sup>12</sup> Docket No. ER12-679-000 Filing, Tab D, Affidavit of David B. Patton at ¶ 10.