

a. What approaches are being taken by the industry, ISOs, and other system planners to address the continued changes in projected resource mix resulting from Environmental Protection Agency rules and, among other things, recent trends in natural gas prices? How are regulators, system planners, and industry participants identifying and responding to potential changes in the generation resource mix or in capacity reserve levels due to retirement of aging or other non-economically viable plants? Which regions are expected to be most affected by retirement of coal plants or other changes in resource mix, and how are those regions responding? How are regions accommodating outages necessitated by generator retrofits?

b. What is the status of implementation (in the Western Electricity Coordinating Council Region and in the other regions) of the recommendations made or lessons learned in the September 8, 2011 Southwest blackout and from the February 2011 cold weather outages? The purpose of this panel is not to discuss any ongoing investigation but to address what steps are being taken to ensure that the lessons learned are being implemented and are not lost over time. Also, what have been the primary obstacles in implementing the changes recommended in the NERC/FERC blackout reports issued in response to these outages?

Panelists:

1. David Souder, Director Operations Planning, PJM Interconnection
2. John Lawhorn, Senior Director, Policy and Economic Study, Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.
3. Jeff Burleson, Vice President, System Planning, Southern Company
4. Joel Beauvais, Associate Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency
5. Melanie M. Frye, Vice President, Operations and Planning, Western Electric Coordinating Council
6. Michael Moon, Senior Director of Reliability Risk Management, NERC

4:30 p.m. Commissioner Closing Remarks

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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[Project No. 14527-000]

Kings River Conservation District; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments and Motions To Intervene

On June 3, 2013, the Kings River Conservation District filed an application, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act, proposing to study the feasibility of the Gould Weir Hydroelectric Project, to be located on the Kings River, near the city of Sanger, in Fresno County, California. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners' express permission.

The applicant is considering two alternatives for this proposed project. The first option would include the installation of facilities immediately downstream of the existing Gould weir. The second option would include the installation of facilities in a bypass channel adjacent to Gould weir. Based on a reconnaissance-level study of the site performed in 2002, the project could have an installed capacity of 0.96 megawatt and an estimated average annual generation of 4.4 gigawatt-hours utilizing one Kaplan-bulb turbine. A preliminary design of the facilities and selection of the turbine and generator would be performed during the feasibility study.

Applicant Contact: Mr. David Orth, 4886 East Jensen Avenue, Fresno, CA 93725, phone (559) 237-5567, extension 101.

FERC Contact: Corey Vezina, (202) 502-8598 or Corey.vezina@ferc.gov.

Competing Application: This application competes with Project No. 14497-000 filed February 11, 2013. Competing applications had to be filed on or before June 3, 2013.

Deadline for filing comments and motions to intervene: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Comments and motions to intervene may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the

eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing, documents may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail an original and five copies to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

More information about this project can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-14527) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call toll-free 1-866-208-3372.

Dated: June 19, 2013.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Commission Staff Attendance

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) hereby gives notice that members of the Commission's staff may attend the following joint stakeholder meeting related to the transmission planning activities of PJM Interconnection, L.L.C., ISO New England, Inc., and New York Independent System Operator, Inc.:

Inter-Regional Planning Stakeholder Advisory Committee—New York/New England

June 20, 2013, 8:30 a.m.–9:30 a.m., Local Time

The above-referenced meeting will be held over conference call.

The above-referenced meeting is open to stakeholders.

Further information may be found at www.pjm.com/committees-and-groups/stakeholder-meetings/stakeholder-groups/ipsac-ny-ne.aspx.

The discussions at the meeting described above may address matters at issue in the following proceedings:

Docket No. ER08-1281, *New York Independent System Operator, Inc.*
Docket No. EL05-121, *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*