

representative of the applicant specified in the particular application.

*o. Procedural schedule and final amendments:* The application should be processed according to the following Hydro Licensing Schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

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| Issue Scoping Document 1 for comments.              | Jul. 2003.  |
| Request Additional Information, if necessary.       | Aug. 2003.  |
| Issue Scoping Document 2, if necessary.             | Aug. 2003.  |
| Notice Ready for Environmental Analysis.            | Sept. 2003. |
| Notice of the availability of the EA.               | Jan. 2004.  |
| Ready for Commission's decision on the application. | Mar. 2004.  |

p. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

**Magalie R. Salas,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. ER03-694-000 and ER03-694-001]

#### PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.; Notice of Staff Technical Conference

June 27, 2003.

On June 17, 2003, the Commission issued an Order Accepting and Suspending Tariff Sheets Subject to Refund and Establishing a Technical Conference regarding a filing made by PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. (PJM) proposing to establishing a charge for excessive bid/offer segments in its energy markets and Financial Transmission Rights (FTR) auctions. *See* PJM Interconnection, L.L.C., 103 FERC 2061,333 (2003).

Take notice that a staff technical conference on the matters set forth in the Commission's order will be held for one day, on Wednesday July 16, 2003, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., in a room to be designated at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. PJM and persons protesting various aspects of PJM's filing should be prepared to answer questions and deliver presentations.

All interested persons are permitted to attend. To assist Staff, attendees are requested to e-mail [valerie.martin@ferc.gov](mailto:valerie.martin@ferc.gov), stating your name, the name of the entity you represent, the names of the persons who will be accompanying you, and a telephone number where you can be reached.

Among the issues the Staff is interested in exploring are:

A. How does bidding to take advantage of small arbitrage opportunities affect the markets operated by PJM? What other benefits and/or disadvantages might such behavior cause customers? For example, how has this type of financial trading affected price differences between PJM's day-ahead and real-time energy markets?

B. How should the cost of PJM's proposed information system upgrades be recovered? If this type of financial trading activity benefits the energy markets, then is it appropriate to recover costs from all customers or through a separate charge for excessive bids? For example, has bidding to take advantage of small arbitrage opportunities assured more efficient pricing of transactions?

C. Would PJM's proposed information system upgrades be installed solely as a result of system expansion?

D. What were the monthly average number of bids/offers submitted in PJM's monthly FTR auctions from 2001 to the present? What were the average number of bids/offers submitted in the second, third and fourth rounds of the 2003 Annual FTR auction?

The above schedule may be changed as circumstances warrant.

**Magalie R. Salas,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD03-10-000]

#### Western Energy Infrastructure Conference; Notice of Technical Conference and Agenda

June 27, 2003.

As announced in the Notice of Conference issued on June 2, 2003, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) will hold a conference on July 30, 2003 to discuss issues regarding energy infrastructure in the western states. These states include Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Idaho, Utah,

Arizona, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, and New Mexico. This half-day conference will begin at 2 p.m. and conclude at approximately 6 p.m., and will be held at the Marriott Denver City Center, 1701 California Street, Denver, Colorado (1-800-228-9290). All interested persons are invited to attend.

The conference will focus on the adequacy of the electric, gas and hydropower energy infrastructure in the West. The FERC Commissioners will attend, and the Governors, legislators, state utility commissioners, tribal delegates of the western states, as well as international representatives from Canada and Mexico, have been invited to participate. The goal is to identify the current state of infrastructure in the West, present and future infrastructure needs, and the means for and barriers to fulfilling those needs. We look forward to an informative discussion of the issues to clarify how we can facilitate and enhance a comprehensive, collaborative approach to energy infrastructure development and reliability for the western states. It is becoming increasingly clear that a well-functioning energy infrastructure is necessary to meet America's energy demands.

The conference Agenda is appended to this Notice. As indicated, the purpose of the conference is to discuss regional infrastructure issues among the panelists, and federal and state officials. It is not intended to deal with issues pending in individually docketed cases before the Commission, such as applications involving hydropower, natural gas certificates, or the formation of Regional Transmission Organizations. Therefore, all participants are requested to address the agenda topics and avoid discussing the merits of individual proceedings.

#### Opportunities for Listening to and Obtaining Transcripts of the Conference

The Capital Connection will offer this meeting live via telephone and audio on the internet for a fee. There will not be live video coverage or videotapes of the conference. For more information about Capitol Connection's services, contact David Reininger or Julia Morelli (703-993-3100), or go to <http://www.capitolconnection.org>.

Audio tapes of the meeting will be available from VISCOM (703-715-7999).

Additionally, transcripts of the conference will be immediately available from Ace Reporting Company (202-347-3700 or 1-800-336-6646), for a fee. They will be available for the public on the Commission's FERRIS system two weeks after the conference.

A reminder to please register for the conference online on the Commission Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/home/conferences.asp>. Scroll down and click on "Western Energy Infrastructure Conference in Denver, CO". There is no registration fee.

Questions about the conference program should be directed to: Carol Connors, Office of External Affairs, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, [carol.connors@ferc.gov](mailto:carol.connors@ferc.gov).

**Magalie R. Salas,**  
Secretary.

#### **Attachment: Conference Agenda**

*Marriott Denver City Center, 1701 California Street, Denver, Colorado,*  
July 30, 2003.

#### **I. Opening Remarks and Introductions—2 p.m. to 2:10 p.m.**

Chairman Pat Wood, Commissioner William Massey, Commissioner Nora Brownell.

#### **II. Overview of Current Energy Infrastructure—2:10 p.m. to 2:20 p.m.**

Jeff Wright, Office of Energy Projects, FERC.

#### **III. Forecasting Future Energy Infrastructure Needs—2:20 p.m. to 2:40 p.m.**

Todd Filsinger, Senior Partner, Wholesale Energy Markets, PA Consulting Group.

#### **IV. New Electric Generation—2:45 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

Can new electric generation meet Western demand?

- Economic and financial barriers to new generation—Rebecca Followill, Gas and Power Group, Howard Weil Investment Counselors

- Fueling new generation—Peter Moritzburke, Director, Western Energy Office, Cambridge Energy Research Associates

- Retirement forecast/reserve margin—Jeremy Platt, Manager, Power & Fuel Markets, Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI), one author of a recently released EPRI report, "Outlook for Capacity Retirements Following U.S. Boom in New Supplies: Report Series on Natural Gas and Power Reliability, February 2003"

- Demand response successes—Charles Goldman, Leader, Electricity Markets and Policy Group, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

#### **V. Natural Gas—3:35 p.m. to 4:20 p.m.**

Can natural gas meet future energy needs in the West?

- Traditional natural gas supply availability—Roger Biemans, President, EnCan US

- Rocky Mountains infrastructure needs/Coal-bed methane developing technology—Brian Jeffries, Vice President, Marketing, Western Gas Resources

- Role of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) facilities in gas supply—Darcel Hulse, President, Sempra Global

- Canadian gas update—Bill Bingham, Acting Business Leader, Commodity Unit, National Energy Board-Canada/NEB

- Mexican gas update—Francisco de la Isla, General Director, Economic Policy Unit, Comision Reguladora de Energia/CRE

#### **VI. Electric Transmission—4:25 p.m. to 5:10 p.m.**

Can the electric transmission system get generation to load centers?

- Siting issues in the West, e.g., federal land corridors—Ronald Montagna, Senior Realty Specialist, Bureau of Land Management /White House Energy Task Force

- Major transmission constraints—Armando Perez, Director of Grid Planning, California Independent System Operator

- Bonneville Power Administration's role and future plans—Vickie VanZandt, Vice President of Operation and Planning, Bonneville Power Administration

- State of regional transmission planning—Dean Perry, Chairman of the Planning Work Group, Seams Steering Group-Western Interconnection/SSG-WI

- Industry participation in new transmission infrastructure—Frederic Stoffel, Vice President, Policy Development, XCEL Energy

#### **VII. Discussion by State, Federal, Tribal and International Officials—5:15 p.m. to 6 p.m.**

What conclusions have been reached and what are the next steps?

- Public Utility Commissioners—Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Idaho, Utah, Arizona, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico (invited)

- Tribal Representatives—A. David Lester, Executive Director, Council of Energy Resource Tribes (CERT), and Roger B. Fragua, Deputy Director, CERT

- Elected Officials or their Senior Designees—Governors, Congressional and/or State legislators (invited)

- Francisco de la Isla, General Director, Economic Policy Unit, CRE—Mexico, and Bill Bingham, Acting Business Leader, Commodity Unit, NEB—Canada

- Closing Remarks

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## **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

### **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. RM98–1–000]

### **Regulations Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice**

June 27, 2003.

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(h), of the receipt of exempt and prohibited off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive an exempt or a prohibited off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of a contested on-the-record proceeding, to deliver a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication, to the Secretary.

Prohibited communications will be included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited off-the-record communication, and may request that the Commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such requests only when it determines that fairness so requires. Any person identified below as having made a prohibited off-the-record communication should serve the document on all parties listed on the official service list for the applicable proceeding in accordance with Rule 2010, 18 CFR 385.2010.

Exempt off-the-record communications will be included in the decisional record of the proceeding, unless the communication was with a cooperating agency as described by 40 CFR 1501.6, made under 18 CFR 385.2201(e)(1)(v).

The following is a list of prohibited and exempt communications recently received in the Office of the Secretary. The communications listed are grouped