

to file the competing application no later than 120 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing license application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

o. Notice of Intent—A notice of intent must specify the exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, and must include an unequivocal statement of intent to submit, if such an application may be filed, either a preliminary permit application or a development application (specify which type of application). A notice of intent must be served on the applicant(s) named in this public notice.

p. Proposed Scope of Studies under Permit—A preliminary permit, if issued, does not authorize construction. The term of the proposed preliminary permit would be 36 months. The work proposed under the preliminary permit would include economic analysis, preparation of preliminary engineering plans, and a study of environmental impacts. Based on the results of these studies, the Applicant would decide whether to proceed with the preparation of a development application to construct and operate the project.

q. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

r. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION", "COMPETING APPLICATION", "PROTEST", "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Hydropower Administration and Compliance, Federal Energy Regulatory

Commission, at the above-mentioned address. A copy of any notice of intent, competing application or motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

s. Agency Comments—Federal, State, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

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Midwest Independent System Operator, PJM Interconnection, L.L.C., et al.; Notice of Settlement Conference

August 22, 2002.

Pursuant to Rule 601 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.601, a settlement conference in the above docketed proceeding will be held on September 5, 2002, to address the issue of eliminating rate pancaking between the Midwest ISO and PJM, as discussed in the Commission's July 31, 2002 order, 100 FERC ¶ 61,137 (paragraphs 49–52, and ordering paragraphs D and E). The conference will begin at 10 a.m. in Room 3M-2A&B at the Commission headquarters, 888 1st St., NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Steven A. Rothman, with the Commission's Dispute Resolution Service, will mediate the conference. He will be available to communicate in private with any party prior to the conference. If a party has any questions regarding the conference, please call Steven Rothman at (202) 502-8643 or send an e-mail to Steven.Rothman@ferc.gov. Parties may also communicate with Richard Miles, the Director of the Commission's Dispute Resolution Service at 1 (877) FERC-ADR (337-2237) or (202) 502-

8702 and his e-mail address is Richard.Miles@ferc.gov.

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Standard Market Design Data and Software Standards; Notice of Follow-Up Staff Conference

August 22, 2002.

As announced at the July 18, 2002 Standard Market Design Data and Software Conference, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) will hold a follow-up conference to continue our efforts to standardize inputs and outputs for the software used to support electric grid and market operations under the Standard Market Design initiative. The conference will be held on October 3, 2002, starting at 9 a.m. at the FERC, 888 First St. NE., in Washington D.C., in the Commission Meeting Room.

The goal of the conference will be to further understand what steps are necessary to assure that the software developed to support SMD is of the highest possible quality, and is compatible and consistent across vendors and market regions. Some degree of standardization with respect to input and output data, elements and formats will be needed; however, this standardization must not constrain either competition between vendors nor innovation in software capabilities or approaches. FERC believes that we also need to develop a set of model test problems to use for testing, evaluating, and comparing electric market software products.

To this end, the conference will explore whether the work already developed for the Ontario market operations is a useful starting point, and review the process the Ontario Energy Board used to develop their standards and software. We will invite key organizations working on software issues to present status reports on their areas of focus and expertise and the status of and industry support for their efforts; this will include a discussion of whether these are the proper players and processes to move ahead. Next, we will discuss what additional steps, processes, and organizations are needed to assure that appropriate