

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket Nos. ER08-1113-004; ER08-1113-005]

California Independent System Operator Corporation; Notice of Technical Conference Comment Dates

August 21, 2009.

On August 20, 2009, the Commission convened a staff technical conference in the above-captioned proceedings. The purpose of the technical conference was to explore issues concerning Market Efficiency Enhancement Agreements between the California Independent System Operator Corporation and eligible market participants.

During the course of the technical conference, the Commission instructed the presenting parties to file their presentations in the above dockets.

All interested persons may file written comments on these presentations and/or issues addressed in the technical conference on or before September 10, 2009. Reply comments will be due on or before September 17, 2009.

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Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Extension of Public Comment Period: Second External Review Draft Integrated Science Assessment for Particulate Matter

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: The EPA is announcing an extension of the public comment period for the draft document titled, "Integrated Science Assessment for Particulate Matter—Second External Review Draft" (EPA/600/R-08/139B and EPA/600/R-08/139BA). The document was prepared by the National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA) within EPA's Office of Research and Development as part of the review of the national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for particulate matter.

On July 31, 2009 (74 FR 38185), EPA released this draft document to seek

review by the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) and the public (meeting date and location to be specified in a separate **Federal Register** notice). The draft document does not represent and should not be construed to represent any final EPA policy, viewpoint, or determination. EPA will consider any public comments submitted in response to this notice when revising the document.

DATES: The public comment period started on July 31, 2009 (74 FR 38185). This notice announces the extension of the deadline for public comment from September 30, 2009, to October 12, 2009. Comments must be received on or before October 12, 2009.

ADDRESSES: The "Second External Review Draft Integrated Science Assessment for Particulate Matter" is available primarily via the Internet on the National Center for Environmental Assessment's home page under the Recent Additions and Publications menus at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea>. A limited number of CD-ROM or paper copies will be available. Contact Ms. Debbie Wales by phone (919-541-4731), fax (919-541-5078), or e-mail (wales.deborah@epa.gov) to request either of these, and please provide your name, your mailing address, and the document title, "Second External Review Draft Integrated Science Assessment for Particulate Matter" (EPA/600/R-08/139B and EPA/600/R-08/139C) to facilitate processing of your request.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Information About the Document

Section 108(a) of the Clean Air Act directs the Administrator to identify certain pollutants which, among other things, "cause or contribute to air pollution which may reasonably be anticipated to endanger public health or welfare" and to issue air quality criteria for them. These air quality criteria are to "accurately reflect the latest scientific knowledge useful in indicating the kind and extent of all identifiable effects on public health or welfare which may be expected from the presence of [a] pollutant in the ambient air. * * *" Under section 109 of the Act, EPA is then to establish national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for each pollutant for which EPA has issued criteria. Section 109(d) of the Act subsequently requires periodic review

and, if appropriate, revision of existing air quality criteria to reflect advances in scientific knowledge on the effects of the pollutant on public health or welfare. EPA is also to revise the NAAQS, if appropriate, based on the revised air quality criteria.

Particulate matter (PM) is one of six "criteria pollutants" for which EPA has established NAAQS. Periodically, EPA reviews the scientific basis for these standards by preparing an Integrated Science Assessment (ISA) (formerly called an Air Quality Criteria Document). The ISA and supplementary annexes, in conjunction with additional technical and policy assessments, provide the scientific basis for EPA decisions on the adequacy of the current NAAQS and the appropriateness of possible alternative standards. The Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC), an independent science advisory committee whose existence and whose review and advisory functions are mandated by Section 109(d)(2) of the Act, is charged (among other things) with independent scientific review of EPA's air quality criteria.

On June 28, 2007 (72 FR 35462), EPA formally initiated its current review of the air quality criteria for PM, requesting the submission of recent scientific information on specified topics. A draft of EPA's "Integrated Review Plan for the National Ambient Air Quality Standard for Particulate Matter" (EPA/452/P-08-006) was made available in October 2007 for public comment and was discussed by the CASAC PM Review Panel via a publicly accessible teleconference consultation on November 30, 2007 (72 FR 63177). EPA finalized the plan and made it available in March 2008 (EPA/452/R-08-004; http://www.epa.gov/ttn/naaqs/standards/pm/s_pm_2007_pd.html). In June 2008 (73 FR 30391), EPA held a workshop to discuss, with invited scientific experts, initial draft materials prepared in the development of the PM ISA and its supplementary annexes.

The First External Review Draft ISA for PM (EPA/600/R-08/139 and EPA/600/R-08/139A; <http://cfpub.epa.gov/ncea/cfm/recordisplay.cfm?deid=201805>) was released on December 22, 2008 (73 FR 77686). This document was reviewed by the CASAC and discussed at a public meeting on April 1 and 2, 2009 (74 FR 7688). The CASAC held a follow-up public teleconference on May 7, 2009 (74 FR 18230) to review and approve the CASAC PM Review Panel's draft letter providing comments to the Agency on the First External Review Draft ISA for PM (<http://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/>