

marketing functions in the industry today was established by the FERC.

Transmission system operators would report the following: cross-border flows across major transmission interfaces (scheduled, actual, and inadvertent), regional sources and destinations of power, fuel sources of generation (including system-based transactions), the provision of ancillary services, transmission capacity and planned additions, and the characteristics of transmission operations.

Existing survey questions on the cost of imports and exports would be revised to reflect changes in industry structure concerning price setting. New questions would separately collect information on the value of imports and exports in different regional markets that rely on cost-of-service pricing and or market-based pricing. In addition questions covering the total cost of ancillary service along with a general identification of the type's ancillary services would be asked.

For each category of proposed respondents, the survey design would work to minimize respondent burden by focusing on information readily available to those entities.

III. Request for Comments

Prospective respondents and other interested parties should comment on the actions discussed in item II. The following guidelines are provided to assist in the preparation of comments.

As a Potential Respondent to the Request for Information

A. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency and does the information have practical utility?

B. What actions could be taken to help ensure and maximize the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of the information to be collected?

C. Are the instructions and definitions clear and sufficient? If not, which instructions need clarification?

D. Can the information be submitted by the respondent by the due date?

E. Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated to average 2 hours per month for each respondent, and 1 hour per response for those reporting new proposed transmission line additions per year. The estimated burden includes the total time necessary to provide the requested information. In your opinion, how accurate is this estimate?

F. The agency estimates that the only cost to a respondent is for the time it will take to complete the collection. Will a respondent incur any start-up

costs for reporting, or any recurring annual costs for operation, maintenance, and purchase of services associated with the information collection?

G. What additional actions could be taken to minimize the burden of this collection of information? Such actions may involve the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

H. Does any other Federal, State, or local agency collect similar information? If so, specify the agency, the data element(s), and the methods of collection.

As a Potential User of the Information to be Collected

A. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency and does the information have practical utility?

B. What actions could be taken to help ensure and maximize the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of the information disseminated?

C. Is the information useful at the levels of detail to be collected?

D. For what purpose(s) would the information be used? Be specific.

E. Are there alternate sources for the information and are they useful? If so, what are their weaknesses and/or strengths?

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the form. They also will become a matter of public record.

Statutory Authority: Section 3507(h)(1) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 761 *et seq.*), and the DOE Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*).

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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[Docket No. PL09-3-000]

Control and Affiliation for Purposes of the Commission's Market-Based Rate Requirements Under Section 205 of the Federal Power Act and the Requirements of Section 203 of the Federal Power Act; Notice of Agenda for Workshop

November 21, 2008.

As announced in the notice of workshop issued November 12, 2008, Commission staff will convene a workshop with interested persons regarding issues raised in Docket No. PL09-3-000, concerning the petition filed by the Electric Power Supply Association (EPSA). The workshop will be held on December 3, 2008, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. EST. The workshop will take place in hearing room 7 at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, located at 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC.

This notice provides more information on the topics to be explored in the workshop. The goal of the workshop is to consider issues involving control and affiliation as they pertain to the Commission's market-based rate requirements under section 205 of the Federal Power Act (FPA) and the requirements of section 203 of the FPA.

In its petition,¹ EPSA asks that the Commission state that investments in publicly-held companies by investors owning less than 20 percent of such companies' voting securities and making filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on Schedule 13G, certifying that the investment is not for the purpose of controlling the company, will not be deemed to convey "control" or to result in "affiliation" for market-based rate or FPA section 203 purposes. EPSA also seeks confirmation that Commission findings that a given entity does not "control" another entity made in the FPA section 203 setting apply equally in the market-based rate setting to affected market-based rate sellers. Finally, EPSA requests that the Commission state that investments by entities upstream of a publicly-held company in entities not otherwise related to the publicly-held company will not be deemed to be within the knowledge and control of the

¹ See Petition of the Electric Power Supply Association For Guidance Regarding "Control" and "Affiliation," Docket No. EL08-87-000, *re-docketed as* PL09-3-000 (Sept. 2, 2008) (Petition).

publicly-held company's subsidiaries with market-based rate authorization, and, therefore, those market-based rate subsidiaries will not be required to file a notification of change in status or to include generation or inputs to generation owned or controlled by the other entities in future market power analyses.

In light of the issues raised by EPSA, participants are invited to address some or all of the following questions:

1. Should the Commission reconsider its decision in *FPA Section 203 Supplemental Policy Statement*, 120 FERC ¶ 61,060 (2007) not to rely solely on a Schedule 13G filing as evidence of a lack of control and instead to consider the totality of the facts and circumstances on a case-by-case basis? If so, why?

2. How does compliance with the intent to not exercise control for purposes Schedule 13G address the Commission's concerns under section 203 of the FPA and the Commission's market-based rate program?

3. What statutory and policy purposes is a Schedule 13G filing intended to fulfill under the SEC's regulatory program and how do they compare with the statutory and policy purposes of section 203 of the FPA and the Commission's market-based rate program under sections 205 and 206 of the FPA? Are the SEC and this Commission seeking to fulfill fundamentally different goals with respect to an entity's possible exercise of control, such that the Commission's reliance on the SEC's Schedule 13 filing requirements would be insufficient to help protect against the potential exercise of control as relevant to the Commission's concerns under sections 203, 205 and 206 of the FPA? If the answer to the prior question is yes, that reliance on the Schedule 13 filing requirements are insufficient, what if any additional filings or requirements might supplement the Schedule 13 requirements in this regard?

4. What actions can an investor take with respect to the management, operation or policies of a company in which it holds an investment and still be considered eligible to file a Schedule 13G? To what extent could taking any of those actions directly or indirectly in some way affect some aspect of the day-to-day operation of a public utility in which the investor holds an interest, either directly or through a holding company?

5. Using EPSA's hypothetical example shown on page 9 of the Petition, how far upstream should a seller go when determining whether an entity is an affiliate?

6. Using EPSA's hypothetical example shown on page 9 of the Petition, which of the IPPs should be considered to be under common control, and therefore affiliates, under the Commission's regulations?

7. Should a finding under FPA section 203 that an entity does not "control" another entity apply equally in the market-based rate setting? Conversely, should a finding under section 203 that an entity does "control" another entity necessarily apply equally in the market-based rate setting? If not, under what conditions or circumstances would the Commission have a reasonable basis to conclude that the same finding should not apply in the market-based rate setting?

a. For example, if an upstream owner has been found to not have control for section 203 purposes over two large IPPs in the same relevant market, should the IPPs be required to study one another's generation for purposes of their individual horizontal and vertical market power analyses? Would the IPPs remain unaffiliated?

b. If the upstream owner has control over both IPPs for section 203 purposes, should the IPPs be required to study one another's generation for purposes of their individual horizontal and vertical market power analyses?

8. Should the Commission revise its requirements under FPA section 203 and the market-based rate program, in light of the concern raised by EPSA that electric utilities may not know when their upstream owners acquire ownership interests in other electric utilities? If so, what changes can both address these concerns and still permit the Commission to carry out its responsibilities under sections 203 and 205 of the FPA?

All interested persons are invited to participate in this workshop. Those interested in participating are asked to register no later than November 28, 2008. To register or for additional information, please contact Christina Hayes at (202) 502-6194 or at christina.hayes@ferc.gov.

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[Docket No. CP08-463-000]

CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Application

November 20, 2008.

Take notice that on August 19, 2008, CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company (CenterPoint), P.O. Box 21734, Shreveport, Louisiana 71151, filed in Docket No. CP08-463-000, an abbreviated application pursuant to section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, seeking authorization (1) to transfer a passive ownership interest in its Line CP-3 and to leaseback Line CP-3 from the passive owner, and (2) to grant CenterPoint certificate authorization to operate a 600-foot non-jurisdictional pipeline and metering facilities that will be leased from the same passive owner as part of its jurisdictional pipeline system.

The application is on file with the Commission and open for public inspection. This application is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866)208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding this abbreviated application may be directed to Lawrence O. Thomas, Director—Rate & Regulatory, CenterPoint, at (318) 429-2804, P.O. Box 21734, Shreveport, Louisiana 71151.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of CenterPoint's request. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to this proceeding should, on or before the comment date listed below, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 14 copies of this filing and all subsequent filings made with the