

12. Can analytical tools to assess transmission market power be developed to screen out behavior motivated by legitimate business interests and direct the Commission's attention to areas where transmission market power is more likely to be exercised?

13. Does the existence of significant transmission constraints constitute a barrier to entry that should be considered in authorizing market-based rates for a transmission provider?

#### *Non-Transmission Barriers to Entry Questions*

1. Can the lack of competition in fuel or other inputs constrain entry in the generation business? If so, how?

2. Can monopolization or attempted monopolization of future generating sites be a significant barrier to entry in generation? If so, how, and what can be done to remedy this problem?

3. Have financial constraints, such as access to capital or creditworthiness issues, been a serious barrier to entry in generation, or any other aspect of the electric power business?

4. Are there other barriers to entry the Commission should consider in granting market based rates? If so, how should the Commission test for the extent of harm to customers of competitors associated with such barriers?

5. Does the lack of an adequate competitive solicitation program by a utility that has monopsony power constitute a barrier to entry?

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## **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

### **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. RP04-360-000]

#### **Martimes and Northeast Pipeline, LLC; Notice of Informal Settlement Conference**

November 30, 2004.

Take notice that an informal settlement conference will be convened in this proceeding at 9:30 a.m. (e.s.t.) on Friday, December 3, 2004, at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, for the purpose of exploring the possible settlement of the above-referenced docket.

Any party, as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(c), or any participant as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(b), is invited to attend. Persons wishing to become a party must move to intervene and receive intervenor status pursuant to the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 385.214).

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**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

### **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

#### **Notice of Ferc Staff Attendance at Various MISO-Related Meetings**

December 1, 2004.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission hereby gives notice that members of its staff may attend the following meetings involving the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. (MISO), noted below:

Organization of MISO States Annual Meeting—December 9, 2004, 10:30 a.m.–3 p.m. (e.s.t.). Lakeside Conference Center (directly across from MISO's headquarters), 630 West Carmel Drive, Carmel, IN 46032.

MISO Advisory Committee Meetings (Wednesdays, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.) and MISO Board of Directors Meetings (Thursdays, 8:30 a.m.–9:45 p.m.):

January 19–20, 2005;

February 16–17, 2005;

March 16–17, 2005;

April 20–21, 2005;

May 18–19, 2005;

June 15–16, 2005;

July 20–21, 2005;

August 17–18, 2005;

September 14–15, 2005;

October 19–20, 2005;

November 16–17, 2005;

December 7–8, 2005.

Advisory Committee meetings are held at: Lakeside Conference Center (directly across from MISO's headquarters), 630 West Carmel Drive, Carmel, IN 46032.

The Board of Directors meetings are held at: 701 City Center Drive (MISO Headquarters), Carmel, IN 46032.

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

Docket No. ER04-691 and EL04-104, Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc., *et al.*;

Docket No. EL02-65-000, *et al.*,

Alliance Companies, *et al.*;

Docket No. RT01-87-000, *et al.*,

Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.;

Docket No. ER03-323, *et al.*, Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.;

Docket No. ER03-1118, Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.;

Docket No. ER04-375, Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc., *et al.*;

Docket Nos. EL04-43 and EL04-46, Tenaska Power Services Co. and Cargill Power Markets, LLC v. Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.

These meetings are open to the public.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

### **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

#### **Notice of FERC Staff Attendance at Meetings of Southwest Power Pool Board of Directors and Members Committee and Meeting of Southwest Power Pool Regional State Committee**

December 1, 2004.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission hereby gives notice that members of its staff may attend the meetings of the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) Board of Directors and Members Committee noted below, and the meeting of the SPP Regional State Committee noted below. The staff's attendance is part of the Commission's ongoing outreach efforts.

SPP Regional State Committee Meeting—

January 24, 2005, 1 p.m. –5 p.m. (c.s.t.)

Sam's Town Casino Hotel and Convention Center, 315 Clyde Fant Parkway, Shreveport, LA 71101, (318) 429-6859.

SPP Board of Directors and Members Committee Meeting—December 14, 2004, 10:30 a.m.–3 p.m. (c.s.t.)

DFW Airport Hyatt, Dallas, Texas, (972) 453-1234.

SPP Board of Directors and Members Committee Meeting—January 25, 2005, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Sam's Town Casino Hotel and Convention Center, 315 Clyde Fant Parkway, Shreveport, LA 71101, (318) 429-6859.

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

Docket Nos. RT04-1-000 and ER04-48-000, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*

Docket No. ER04-833-000, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*