

concerns will be addressed in the EA and considered by the Commission. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send an original and *two* copies of your letter to: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of OEP—Gas 1, PJ-11.1. *shull*; Reference Docket No. CP00-40-006.
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before April 1, 2002.

Please note that we are continuing to experience delays in mail deliveries from the U.S. Postal Service. As a result, we will include all comments that we receive within a reasonable time frame in our environmental analysis of this project. However, the Commission encourages electronic filing of any comments or interventions or protests to this proceeding. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "e-Filing" link and the link to the User's Guide. Before you can file comments you will need to create an account which can be created by clicking on "Login to File" and then "New User Account."

We may mail the EA for comment. If you are interested in receiving it, please return the Information Request (appendix 3). If you do not return the Information Request, you will be taken off the mailing list.

Site Visit

We will also be visiting the proposed location on Wednesday, March 13, 2002 beginning at approximately 11:00 a.m. Anyone interested in participating in the site visit should contact the Commission's Office of External Affairs identified at the end of this notice for more details and must provide their own transportation.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding known as an "intervenor". Intervenor play a more formal role in the process. Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive

copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide 14 copies of its filings to the Secretary of the Commission and must send a copy of its filings to all other parties on the Commission's service list for this proceeding. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see appendix 2).⁵ Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

Affected landowners and parties with environmental concerns may be granted intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which would not be adequately represented by any other parties. You do not need intervenor status to have your environmental comments considered.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (202) 208-1088 (direct line) or you can call the FERC operator at 1-800-847-8885 and ask for External Affairs. Information is also available on the FERC Web site, www.ferc.gov, using the "RIMS" link to information in this docket number. Click on the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" from the RIMS Menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to RIMS, the RIMS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2222.

Similarly, the "CIPS" link on the FERC Internet Web site provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings. From the FERC Internet Web site, click on the "CIPS" link, select "Docket #" from the CIPS menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to CIPS, the CIPS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2474.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. RM01-12-000, RT01-2-000, RT01-10-000, RT01-15-000, ER02-323-000, RT01-34-000, RT01-35-000, RT01-67-000, RT01-74-000, RT01-75-000, RT01-77-000, RT01-85-000, RT01-86-000, RT01-87-000, RT01-88-000, RT01-94-000, RT01-95-000, RT01-98-000, RT01-99-000, RT01-100-000, RT01-101-000, EC01-146-000, ER01-3000-000, RT02-1-000, EL02-9-000, EC01-156-000, ER01-3154-000, and EL01-80-000]

Electricity Market Design and Structure, (RTO Cost Benefit Analysis Report); Notice of Regional Teleconferences and Due Dates for Comments and Reply Comments

March 1, 2002.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued an RTO Cost Benefit Report entitled "Economic Assessment of RTO Policy" at its regular open meeting on February 27, 2002. The report, prepared by ICF Consulting, is the result of a study commissioned by FERC to examine potential economic cost and benefits of a move toward Regional Transmission Organization (RTO's). The report is available on the Commission's Web site at www.ferc.gov. The Commission's Staff and ICF Consulting plan on holding a series of regional teleconferences with State Commissions, members of the industry and the public to discuss the results of the report from March 13-19, 2002. These teleconferences are designed to assist the participants in understanding the report results and in preparing written comments for submission to the Commission.

There will be four regional teleconferences with State Commissions and an additional four teleconferences with Industry and others as follows.

For State Commissioners

March 13th 10 a.m. EST to Noon,
Midwest State Commissioners
2 p.m. EST to 4 p.m., Southeast State Commissioners
March 15th 10 a.m. EST to Noon,
Northeast State Commissioners
2 p.m. EST to 4 p.m., Western State Commissioners

For Industry and Public

March 18th 10 a.m. EST to Noon,
Midwest Region
2 p.m. EST to 4 p.m., Southeast Region
March 19th 10 a.m. EST to Noon,
Northeast Region
2 p.m. EST to 4 p.m., Western Region
Instructions for participating in these teleconferences will be included in a

⁵ Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.

future notice. All of the regional teleconferences will be transcribed and be placed in appropriate and related dockets. Copies of the transcripts will be available from Ace-Federal Reporters (800-336-6646 or 202-347-3700) at cost and will be available on the Commission's Web site 10 days after receipt from Ace-Federal Reporters.

All written comments on the RTO Cost Benefit Report will be due on April 9, 2002. Reply comments will be due on April 23, 2002.

Comments may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper; see 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link. Paper copies require the original and fourteen copies pursuant to the Commission's regulations.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

Regulations Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice

March 1, 2002.

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 exempt and prohibited off-the-record communications received in the Office of the Secretary within the preceding 14 days. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. The documents may be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket#" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

EXEMPT

Docket No.	Date filed	Presenter or requester
1. CP01-361-000	02-28-02	John Wisniewski.
2. Project No. 10942-000	02-28-02	David Turner and Frank Winchell.
3. CP01-361-000	02-28-02	John Wisniewski.
4. Project No. 2342-011	02-28-02	P. Stephen DiJulio.
5. Docket Nos. RT02-2-000, RT01-67-000, RT01-74-000, RT01-75-00, RT01-77-000, RT01-100-000, RT01-1-000, RM98-1-002.	03-1-02	Commission*.

* Transcript of State-Federal Southeast Regional Panel Discussion convened 2/15/02 pursuant to the Commission's Notice issued 2/8/02 in Docket No. RT02-2-000, *et al.*

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Deputy Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7154-1]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Ambient Air Quality Surveillance

AGENCY: Environmental Protection
Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that EPA is planning to submit the following renewal Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Ambient Air Quality Surveillance, OMB Number (2060-0084), EPA ICR # 0940.16 expires September 30, 2002. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed