

A reminder to please register for the conference online on the Commission Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/home/conferences.asp>. Scroll down and click on "Western Energy Infrastructure Conference in Denver, CO". There is no registration fee.

Questions about the conference program should be directed to: Carol Connors, Office of External Affairs, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, carol.connors@ferc.gov.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

Attachment: Conference Agenda

Marriott Denver City Center, 1701 California Street, Denver, Colorado,
July 30, 2003.

I. Opening Remarks and Introductions—2 p.m. to 2:10 p.m.

Chairman Pat Wood, Commissioner William Massey, Commissioner Nora Brownell.

II. Overview of Current Energy Infrastructure—2:10 p.m. to 2:20 p.m.

Jeff Wright, Office of Energy Projects, FERC.

III. Forecasting Future Energy Infrastructure Needs—2:20 p.m. to 2:40 p.m.

Todd Filsinger, Senior Partner, Wholesale Energy Markets, PA Consulting Group.

IV. New Electric Generation—2:45 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Can new electric generation meet Western demand?

- Economic and financial barriers to new generation—Rebecca Followill, Gas and Power Group, Howard Weil Investment Counselors

- Fueling new generation—Peter Moritzburke, Director, Western Energy Office, Cambridge Energy Research Associates

- Retirement forecast/reserve margin—Jeremy Platt, Manager, Power & Fuel Markets, Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI), one author of a recently released EPRI report, "Outlook for Capacity Retirements Following U.S. Boom in New Supplies: Report Series on Natural Gas and Power Reliability, February 2003"

- Demand response successes—Charles Goldman, Leader, Electricity Markets and Policy Group, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

V. Natural Gas—3:35 p.m. to 4:20 p.m.

Can natural gas meet future energy needs in the West?

- Traditional natural gas supply availability—Roger Biemans, President, EnCana US

- Rocky Mountains infrastructure needs/Coal-bed methane developing technology—Brian Jeffries, Vice President, Marketing, Western Gas Resources

- Role of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) facilities in gas supply—Darcel Hulse, President, Sempra Global

- Canadian gas update—Bill Bingham, Acting Business Leader, Commodity Unit, National Energy Board-Canada/NEB

- Mexican gas update—Francisco de la Isla, General Director, Economic Policy Unit, Comision Reguladora de Energia/CRE

VI. Electric Transmission—4:25 p.m. to 5:10 p.m.

Can the electric transmission system get generation to load centers?

- Siting issues in the West, e.g., federal land corridors—Ronald Montagna, Senior Realty Specialist, Bureau of Land Management /White House Energy Task Force

- Major transmission constraints—Armando Perez, Director of Grid Planning, California Independent System Operator

- Bonneville Power Administration's role and future plans—Vickie VanZandt, Vice President of Operation and Planning, Bonneville Power Administration

- State of regional transmission planning—Dean Perry, Chairman of the Planning Work Group, Seams Steering Group-Western Interconnection/SSG-WI

- Industry participation in new transmission infrastructure—Frederic Stoffel, Vice President, Policy Development, XCEL Energy

VII. Discussion by State, Federal, Tribal and International Officials—5:15 p.m. to 6 p.m.

What conclusions have been reached and what are the next steps?

- Public Utility Commissioners—Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Idaho, Utah, Arizona, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico (invited)

- Tribal Representatives—A. David Lester, Executive Director, Council of Energy Resource Tribes (CERT), and Roger B. Fragua, Deputy Director, CERT

- Elected Officials or their Senior Designees—Governors, Congressional and/or State legislators (invited)

- Francisco de la Isla, General Director, Economic Policy Unit, CRE—Mexico, and Bill Bingham, Acting Business Leader, Commodity Unit, NEB—Canada

• Closing Remarks

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM98–1–000]

Regulations Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice

June 27, 2003.

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 prohibited and exempt communications recently received in the Office of the Secretary. The communications listed are grouped

by docket numbers. These filings are 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 "FERRIS" 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.

Exempt:

Docket No.	Date filed	Presenter or Requester
1. CP02-90-000.	6-24-03	James Martin.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 or <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa>.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements filed June 23, 2003 through June 27, 2003 pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 030295, Draft EIS, AFS, OR, Flagtail Fire Recovery Project, To Address the Differences between Existing and Desired Conditions, Blue Mountain Ranger District, Malheur National Forest, Grant County, OR, Comment Period Ends: August 18, 2003, Contact: Linda Batten (541) 575-3000. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/malheur>.

EIS No. 030296, Final Supplement, UAF, CA, NM, Airborne Laser (ABL) Program, Conducting Test Activities at Kirtland Air Force Base (AFB) and White Sands Missile Range/Holloman AFB, New Mexico; and Edwards AFB and Vandenberg AFB, California, NM and CA, Wait Period Ends: August 4, 2003, Contact: Charles Brown (210) 536-4203. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.afcee.brooks.af.mil/ec/ecproducts.asp>.

EIS No. 030297, FINAL EIS, AFS, MT, Garver Project, Harvest and Old

Growth Regeneration, Implementation, Kootenai National Forest, Three Rivers Ranger District, Lincoln County, MT, Wait Period Ends: August 4, 2003, Contact: Kathy Mohar (406) 295-4693.

EIS No. 030298, Draft EIS, NRC, ID, Idaho Spent Fuel Facility, Construction, Operation and Decommission, License Application, Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory, Butte County, ID, Comment Period Ends: August 18, 2003, Contact: Matthew Blevins (301) 415-7684. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm.html>.

EIS No. 030299, Draft EIS, NRC, NY, Generic—License Renewal for R.E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant, Supplement 14, NUREG-1437, Implementation, Wayne County, NY, Comment Period Ends: September 16, 2003, Contact: Robert G. Schaaf (301) 415-1312. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/Payette/main.html>.

EIS No. 030300, Final EIS, FHW, FL, St. Augustine Bridge of Lions (SR AIA) Rehabilitation or Replacement of the existing two lane bridge Crossing over the Matanzas River, Intracoastal Waterway, U.S. Coast Guard Bridge Permit and NPDES Permit Issuance, St. Augustine, St. John County, FL, Wait Period Ends: August 6, 2003, Contact: Donald E. Davis (850) 942-9650.

EIS No. 030301, Final EIS, UAF, CA, Los Angeles Air Force Base Land Conveyance, Construction and Development Project, Transfer Portions of Private Development in Exchange for Construction of New Seismically Stable Facilities, Cities of EL Segundo and Hawthorne, Los Angeles County, CA, Wait Period Ends: August 18, 2003, Contact: Jason Taylor (310) 363-0142.

EIS No. 030302, Draft EIS, FRC, FL, Ocean Express Pipeline Project, Construction, Operation and Maintenance of a Interstate Natural Gas Pipeline extending from the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) boundary between the United States and the Bahamas, (Docket No. CP02-090-001-1) Plan of Operations Approval, NPDES and U.S. Army COE Section 10 and Possible 404 Permits, Broward County, FL, Comment Period Ends: August 25, 2003, Contact: Tom Russo (202) 502-8004. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.ferc.gov>.

EIS No. 030303, Draft EIS, TVA, TN, KY, MS, VA, AL, GA, NC, Programmatic EIS—Tennessee Valley Authority

Reservoir Operations Study, Implementation, TN, AL, KY, GA, MS, NC and VA, Comment Period Ends: September 4, 2003, Contact: Linda Shipp (865) 632-3440.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 030150, Draft EIS, AFS, WI, Programmatic EIS—Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forests Revised Land and Resource Management Plan, Implementation, Ashland, Bayfield, Florence, Forest, Langlade, Oconto, Oneida, Price, Sawyer, Taylor and Vilas Counties, CA, Comment Period Ends: August 11, 2003, Contact: Sally Hess-Samulson (715) 362-1384. Revision of FR Notice Published on 4/11/2003: CEQ Comment Period Ending 7/11/2003 has been Extended to 8/11/2003.

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Joseph C. Montgomery,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under section 309 of the Clean Air Act and section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at (202) 564-7167. An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in the **Federal Register** dated April 4, 2003 (68 FR 16511).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-K65254-AZ Rating LO, Cross-County Travel by Off-Highway Vehicle Project, Motorized Wheeled Cross-County Travel Restrictions, Apache-Sitgreaves, Conino, Kaibab, Prescott and Tonto National Forests, AZ.

Summary: EPA had no significant concerns with the preferred alternative.

ERP No. D-AFS-K65255-CA Rating LO, Spalding Land Exchange Project, Proposed Land Exchange between Spalding Community Service District (SCSD) and Lassen National Forest (LNF), Special Use Permit, Lassen County, CA.