

• Al Musur, Director, Energy and Utility Programs, Abbott Laboratories and Chairman of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America

• Alexander Strawn, Proctor & Gamble Company and Chairman of the Process Gas Consumers

Issues:

- What incentives will encourage companies to begin or increase price reporting?
- Are process improvements by reporting companies (public code of conduct, independent source, audit of processes) adequate or are there further improvements that can increase the accuracy of price indices?
- Has industry confidence in prices reported in indices increased to a satisfactory level?
- What steps can be taken to improve transparency of price indices?
- What further information should price indices provide to market participants?
- Has sufficient progress been made under the Policy Statement?
- Should the Commission adopt further requirements for price reporters and/or index developers? If so, what requirements are appropriate?
- Should some form of mandatory reporting be required? If so, what is the desirable scope of such reporting (Who should be required to report? Should reporting be to existing index developers, to an intermediary or depository, or to the Commission? What data should be required to be reported)?
- Would mandatory reporting materially improve the quality of price data available to market participants?

Lunch break—12:15–1:15 p.m.

Panel 3—Index developers' response to industry views and Staff report—1:15–2:45 p.m.

Panelists:

• C. Miles Weigel, Senior Vice President, Argus Media, Inc.

• Brad Johnson, Global Energy Business Manager, Bloomberg

• Tom Waterman, Publisher, Btu/DTN

• Ernest Onukogo, Manager Newswire Indexes, DowJones

• Richard Sansom, Markets Editor, Io Energy LLC

• Bobette Riner, President, Powerdex

• Tom Haywood, Editor, Energy Intelligence Group

• Dexter Steis, Executive Publisher, Intelligence Press

• Chuck Vice, Chief Operating Officer, Intercontinental Exchange

• Larry Foster, Editorial Director, U.S. Natural Gas, Platts

Issues:

- What improvements in data collection and price reporting have index developers seen since issuance of the Policy Statement?
- How have index developers responded to the call for greater transparency of indices?
- What plans do price index developers have to provide more information and more transparency to energy market participants?
- Do price index developers meet the standards of the Policy Statement? Did the Staff report accurately depict the extent to which index developers have adopted Policy Statement standards?

—Do price index developers support the criteria proposed by Staff for use of indices in jurisdictional tariffs?

—How can price index developers facilitate tariff compliance by pipelines and utilities?

—Will price index developers provide FERC with access to data in the event of an investigation of suspected false reporting or price manipulation?

Break—2:45–2:55 p.m.

Panel 4—Market liquidity 2:55–4:15 p.m.

Panelists:

• Martin Marz, Compliance Manager, North American Gas and Power, BP America, Inc.

• Christopher Edmonds, Senior Vice President, ICAP Energy LLC (Energy Brokers Association)

• Representative of financial institution active in energy markets (invited)

• Mark Niehaus, Partner Energy Assurance, PriceWaterhouseCoopers

• Tom Jepperson, Division Counsel, Questar Market Resources, Inc.

• Vince Kaminski, Managing Director, Sempra Energy Trading

Issues:

—Is there adequate trading activity at enough locations to develop reliable price signals for market participants?

—What are the characteristics that make for a good trading hub?

—What steps can the Commission take to encourage the development of active trading hubs?

—What role can electronic trading, confirmation/settlement, and clearing play in improving market liquidity?

—Can improvements in price indices restore confidence in price formation given the present levels of trading?

Audience questions and comments—4:15–4:45 p.m.

Concluding remarks—4:45–5 p.m.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. ER04–688–000; ER04–689–000; ER04–690–000; and ER04–693–000]

Pacific Gas and Electric Company; Notice of Technical Conference

June 14, 2004.

Parties are invited to attend a technical conference in the above-referenced Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) proceedings on June 15–16, 2004, at Commission Headquarters, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The technical conference will be held in Conference Room 3M–4. The June 15th technical conference will be held from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. (e.s.t.). The June 16th technical conference will be held from 9 a.m. until noon (e.s.t.). Arrangements

have been made for parties to listen to the technical conference by telephone.

The purpose of the conference is to identify the issues raised in these proceedings, develop information for use by Commission staff in preparing an order on the merits, and to facilitate any possible settlements in these proceedings. Specifically, the parties will discuss, among other things, the following unexecuted replacement agreements filed by PG&E in the above-referenced dockets: (1) The interconnection agreement between PG&E and Western Area Power Administration (WAPA), (2) the parallel operations agreement between PG&E and WAPA (PG&E Original Rate Schedule FERC No. 228), and (3) PG&E's wholesale distribution tariff service agreement for wholesale distribution service to WAPA.

Questions about the conference and the telephone conference call arrangements should be directed to: Julia A. Lake, Office of the General Counsel—Markets, Tariffs and Rates, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502–8370, julia.lake@ferc.gov.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–7778–2]

National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92–463, EPA gives notice of a meeting of the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT). NACEPT provides advice and recommendations to the Administrator of EPA on a broad range of environmental policy, technology, and management issues. NACEPT consists of a representative cross-section of EPA's partners and principle constituents who provide advice and recommendations on policy issues and serve as a sounding board for new strategies that the Agency is developing. The Council is a proactive, strategic panel of experts that identifies emerging challenges facing EPA and responds to specific charges requested by the

Administrator and the program office managers. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and approve the recommendations of the NACEPT Compliance Assistance Advisory Committee, a subcommittee under the auspices of NACEPT. The Council will also address a range of issues, including environmental technology, EPA's Draft Report on the Environment, environmental foresight, collaborative problem-solving, and corporate branding for EPA.

DATES: NACEPT will hold a two day public meeting on Thursday, July 8, 2004, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Friday, July 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at The Fairmont Hotel 2401 M Street NW., Washington, DC. The meeting is open to the public, with limited seating on a first-come, first-served basis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sonia Altieri, Designated Federal Officer, altieri.sonia@epa.gov, 202-233-0061, U.S. EPA, Office of Cooperative Environmental Management (1601E), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Requests to make oral comments or provide written comments to the Council should be sent to Sonia Altieri, Designated Federal Officer using the contact information below by July 1, 2004.

The public is welcome to attend all portions of the meeting.

Meeting Access: Individuals requiring special accommodation at this meeting, including wheelchair access, should contact Sonia Altieri at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Dated: June 17, 2004.

Daiva Balkus,

Director, Office of Cooperative Environmental Management.

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FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

Farm Credit Administration Board; Regular Meeting

AGENCY: Farm Credit Administration.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b(e)(3)), that the July 8, 2004, regular meeting of the Farm Credit Administration Board (Board) has been rescheduled. The regular meeting of the Board will be held July 15, 2004, starting at 9 a.m. An agenda for this meeting will be published at a later date.

ADDRESSES: Farm Credit Administration, 1501 Farm Credit Drive, McLean, Virginia 22102-5090.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeanette C. Brinkley, Secretary to the Farm Credit Administration Board, (703) 883-4009, TTY (703) 883-4056.

Dated: June 22, 2004.

Jeanette C. Brinkley,
Secretary, Farm Credit Administration Board.
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Public Information Collections Approved by Office of Management and Budget

June 15, 2004.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has received Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the following public information collections pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Laurenzano, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554, (202) 418-1359 or via the Internet at pl Laurenzano@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control No.: 3060-0894.

OMB Approval Date: 6/07/2004.

Expiration Date: 6/30/2007.

Title: Certification Letter Accounting for Receipt of Federal Support—CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 96-262.

Form No.: N/A.

Estimated Annual Burden: 52 responses; 162 total annual burden hours; 3-5 hours average per respondent.

Needs and Uses: The Commission requires states to certify that carriers within the state had accounted for its receipt of federal support in its rates or otherwise used the support pursuant with section 254 (e). In the Remand Order, the Commission, modifies the high-cost universal service support mechanism for non-rural carriers and adopt measures to induce states to ensure reasonable comparability of rural and urban rates in areas served by non-rural carriers.

OMB Control No.: 3060-0807.

OMB Approval Date: 6/07/2004.

Expiration Date: 6/30/2007.

Title: Section 51.803 and Supplemental Procedures for Petitions

to Section 252(e)(5) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

Form No.: N/A.

Estimated Annual Burden: 52 responses; 2,040 total annual burden hours; 20-40 hours per respondent.

Needs and Uses: Any interested party seeking preemption of a state commission's jurisdiction based on the state commission's failure to act shall notify the Commission. See 47 U.S.C. 252(e)(5) and 47 CFR 51.803. In a Public Notice, the Commission set out procedures for filing petitions for preemption pursuant to section 252(e)(5). All of the information will be used to ensure that petitioners have complied with their obligations under the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Notice of Agency Meeting; Sunshine Act

Pursuant to the provisions of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b), notice is hereby given that at 11 a.m. on Monday, June 28, 2004, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's Board of Directors will meet in closed session, pursuant to section 552b(c)(2) of title 5, United States Code, to consider matters relating to the Corporation's corporate activities.

The meeting will be held in the Board Room on the sixth floor of the FDIC Building located at 550-17th Street, NW., Washington, DC.

Requests for further information concerning the meeting may be directed to Mr. Robert E. Feldman, Executive Secretary of the Corporation, at (202) 898-7043.

Dated: June 21, 2004.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Robert E. Feldman,
Executive Secretary.

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Notice of Agency Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5