

the Regional Entities and the Electric Reliability Organization are processing self-reported violations and other compliance matters, as well as provide a utility perspective regarding compliance with the new mandatory reliability standards. The panel will address emerging practical issues of enforcement as well as the Commission's own authority to enforce mandatory reliability standards and its interest in the most effective way to achieve compliance with the standards.

As previously noted, all interested persons are invited to attend the conference, and there is *no* registration fee to attend. The conference will not be transcribed but will be web cast. A free web cast of this event will be available through <http://www.ferc.gov>. Anyone with Internet access who desires to view this event can do so by navigating to <http://www.ferc.gov's> Calendar of Events and locating this event in the Calendar. The event will contain a link to its web cast. The Capitol Connection provides technical support for the web casts and offers access to the meeting via phone bridge for a fee. If you have any questions, you may visit <http://www.CapitolConnection.org> or contact Danelle Perkowski or David Reininger at 703-993-3100.

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**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

#### Agenda

9-9:15 a.m. Opening Remarks by Members of the Commission.  
9:15-9:45 Panel I: *The First Two Years of EPA Act Enforcement.*

Susan J. Court, Director, Office of Enforcement. Anna V. Cochrane, Deputy Director, Office of Enforcement. Robert Pease, Director, Division of Investigations. Lee Ann Watson, Deputy Director, Division of Investigations. Stephen J. Harvey, Director, Division of Energy Market Oversight. Bryan K. Craig, Director, Division of Audits.

9:45-11 a.m. Panel II: *Enforcement Policy—Broad Policy Perspective.*

William L. Massey, Covington and Burling LLP. Clifford (Mike) M. Naeve, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom. Donald F. Santa, President, Interstate Natural Gas Association of America.

11-11:10 Break.

11:10-12:45 Panel III: *Enforcement Policy—the Practitioners' View.*

Mark Hanafin, CEO, Shell Energy North America. Barbara K. Heffernan, Schiff Hardin LLP. Paul Korman, Van Ness Feldman. Richard Meyer, Senior Regulatory Counsel, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. Mark Perlis, Dickstein Shapiro LLP. Andrea Wolfman, Thelen Reid Brown Raysman & Steiner LLP.

12:45-1:45 Lunch Break.

1:45-3:15 Panel IV: *Enforcement of Reliability Standards.*

David W. Hilt, Vice President and Director of Compliance, North American Electric Reliability Corporation. Louise McCarren, CEO, Western Electricity Coordinating Council. Raymond J. Palmieri, Vice President & Director—Compliance, ReliabilityFirst Corporation. Robert S. (Scott) Henry, Vice President, Electric System Operations, Duke Energy.

3:15-3:30 Closing Remarks by Members of the Commission.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD08-2-000]

#### Interconnection Queuing Practices; Notice of Technical Conference

November 2, 2007.

Take notice that a staff-led technical conference will be held on Tuesday, December 11, 2007 from approximately 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (EST) in the Commission Meeting Room of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. Commissioners may attend. An additional notice of this technical conference will be issued at a later date finalizing the agenda.

In 2003, the Commission issued Order No. 2003 to standardize the agreements and procedures related to the interconnection of large generating facilities.<sup>1</sup> The industry has now had

<sup>1</sup> *Standardization of Generator Interconnection Agreements and Procedures*, Order No. 2003, 18 CFR § 35, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,146 (2003), order on reh'g, Order No. 2003-A, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,160, order on reh'g, Order No. 2003-B, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,171 (2004), order on reh'g, Order No. 2003-C, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,190 (2005), *aff'd sub nom. Nat'l Ass'n of Regulatory Util. Comm'ts v. FERC*, 475 F.3d 1277 (D.C. Cir. 2007). See also *Standardization of Small Generator Interconnection Agreements and Procedures*, Order No. 2006, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,180, order on reh'g, Order No. 2006-A, FERC Stats. & Regs.

four years of experience with the management of interconnection queues since the issuance of Order No. 2003, during which time a number of queue-related issues have arisen. The Commission understands that a large amount of new generation is planned to be added to the nation's electric system in the near future, including unprecedented levels of renewable generation that may face queue-related challenges in addition to those faced by traditional generation.

Through this conference, Commission staff seeks information as to any queue issues that may have arisen since issuance of Order No. 2003 and solutions that may have been developed or proposed to deal with those queue issues. Staff wishes to explore any existing practices that have proven effective in addressing interconnection queue problems experienced by both traditional and renewable generation.

Commission staff is now soliciting nominations for speakers at the technical conference. Persons wishing to nominate themselves as speakers should do so using the following electronic link: <https://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/inter-queuing-practices-12-11-speaker-form.asp>. Such nominations must be made before the close of business on Friday, November 15, 2007, so that an agenda for the technical conference can be drafted and published. Speakers may propose specific topics that they believe should be addressed at the conference.

Transcripts of the conference will be immediately available from Ace Reporting Company (202-347-3700 or 1-800-336-6646) for a fee. They will be available for the public on the Commission's eLibrary system seven calendar days after FERC receives the transcript.

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¶ 31,196 (2005), order granting clarification, Order No. 2006-B, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,221 (2006), *appeal pending sub nom. Consol. Edison Co. of N.Y., Inc. v. FERC*, Nos. 06-1275, et al. (D.C. Cir. filed July 14, 2006 and later); *Interconnection for Wind Energy*, Order No. 661, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,186 (2005), order on reh'g, Order No. 661-A, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,198 (2005).

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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 FR dated April 6, 2007 (72 FR 17156).

#### Draft EISs

*EIS No. 20070307, ERP No. D-USA-A11079-00*, Permanent Home Stationing of the 2/25th Stryker Brigade Combat Team (SBECT), To Address a Full Range of Alternatives for Permanently Stationing the 2/25th SBCT, Hawaii and Honolulu Counties, HI; Anchorage and Southeast Fairbanks Boroughs, AK; El Paso, Pueblo, and Fremont Counties, CO.

*Summary:* EPA expressed environmental concerns about the cumulative impacts related to the recent decision to resume year-round training operations in the Eagle River Flats area at Fort Richardson, AK. EPA recommended a cumulative impact analysis, particularly on water resources and the Cook Inlet Beluga whale population in this area. Rating EC2.

*EIS No. 20070330, ERP No. D-IBW-K36148-CA*, PROGRAMMATIC—Tijuana River Flood Control Project, Proposing a Range of Alternatives for Maintenance Activities and Future Improvements, San Diego County, CA. *Summary:* EPA expressed environmental concerns about air and water quality, and requested that best management practices be incorporated into the project to reduce impacts Rating EC2.

*EIS No. 20070372, ERP No. D-BLM-E60016-00*, Alabama and Mississippi Resource Management Plan, Analyzes Management Alternatives for the Public Land and Resources, in Portions of the States of Alabama and Mississippi.

*Summary:* EPA supports BLM's suite of management alternatives. However, EPA expressed environmental concerns about the lack of detailed discussion of waste water disposal given the potential for impacts to water quality. A more detailed discussion of Alabama's and Mississippi's underground injection well control (IUC) programs should be provided in the final EIS. Rating EC2.

*EIS No. 20070390, ERP No. DS-AFS-L65382-ID*, Meadow Face Stewardship Pilot Project, Improvement to Aquatic and Terrestrial Vegetative Conditions, Supplement Information on the Cumulative Effects Analysis, Nez Perce National Forest, Clearwater Ranger District, Idaho County, ID.

*Summary:* EPA does not object to the proposed action. Rating LO.

*EIS No. 20070300, ERP No. LD-USA-J11118-MT*, Limestone Hills Training Area (LHTA) Withdrawal Project, To Withdraw Federal Lands from within the LHTA from DOL, Bureau of Land Management for Transfer to Montana Army National Guard for Military Training Use, Broadwater County, MT.

*Summary:* EPA does not object to the proposed action. Rating LO.

#### Final EISs

*EIS No. 20070342, ERP No. F-FRC-E03016-GA*, Elba III Project, Construct, Operate and Acquire Facilities to move Re-Vaporized Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG), U.S. Army COE Section 10 and 404 Permits and U.S. Coast Guard Permit, Elba Island, Chatham County, GA.

*Summary:* EPA continues to have environmental concerns about air quality and pipeline alignment impacts and requested additional mitigation.

*EIS No. 20070389, ERP No. F-FHW-K40262-CA*, Interstate 5 (Santa Ana Freeway) Project, Improvement from

State Route 91 in Orange County to Interstate 605 in Los Angeles County, CA.

*Summary:* EPA continues to have environmental concerns about air quality impacts, including mobile source air toxics. EPA recommends identifying MSAT hotspots; appropriate avoidance, minimization, and/or mitigation for MSATs; and additional mitigation measures for particulate matter.

*EIS No. 20070394, ERP No. F-COE-E39068-FL*, Central and Southern Florida Project, Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, Caloosahatchee River (C-43) West Basin Storage Reservoir Project, Restoration of the Ecosystem in Caloosahatchee Estuary, Lake Okeechobee, FL.

*Summary:* EPA expressed environmental concerns about water quality impacts and requested warm-weather reservoir water quality monitoring and blue-green algal sampling.

*EIS No. 20070407, ERP No. F-AFS-J65480-MT*, North Bridger Allotment Management Plan Update, Proposal to Update Allotment Management Plan on 11 Livestock Grazing Allotments, Bozeman Ranger District, Gallatin National Forest, Gallatin County, MT.

*Summary:* EPA supports the selection of alternative 3 and proposed grazing improvements, but has some environmental concerns about water quality and the resources to implement proposed grazing and range improvements, and monitoring and oversight in a near term time frame to improve water quality.

*EIS No. 20070424, ERP No. F-BPA-L08065-WA*, Port Angeles—Juan de Fuca Transmission Project, Construct a 550-Megawatt Direct Current Cable from Victoria, British Columbia, across the Strait of Juan de Fuca to Port Angeles, Presidential Permit, Clallam County, WA.

*Summary:* EPA continues to have environmental concerns about water quality issues, and requested that clarifying information be included in the Record of Decision.

Dated: November 6, 2007.

**Robert W. Hargrove,**

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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