

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. AD06-9-000]

**RTO Border Utility Issues; Notice of Technical Conference on Seams Issues for RTOs and ISOs in the Eastern Interconnection**

January 25, 2007.

Take notice that on March 29, 2007, at 9 a.m. (EST), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission will convene a technical conference on RTO and ISO seams issues in the Eastern Interconnection. Members of the public are welcome to attend, and no pre-registration is required. The conference will be held at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

In a Commission proceeding in 2006, parties raised the issue of an electric utility's ability to benefit from an RTO/ISO's transmission system, markets and reliability investments while avoiding some or all of the costs attributable to membership in the RTO/ISO. The Commission found that this issue raised "generic concerns with implications applicable to all RTOs and ISOs and to all market participants with whom they interact, whether directly or indirectly."<sup>1</sup> The Commission then announced its intention to establish a technical conference to hear from interested parties concerning this issue and other issues involving seams between RTO/ISOs and companies on their borders. Subsequently, the Commission determined that the western seams agenda should proceed on a separate track and held a technical conference on seams issues in the Western Interconnection in December 2006. Also, Commission staff heard concerns about seams issues between RTO/ISO markets in the Eastern Interconnection region. Hence, we have determined that the technical conference should include discussion of the broader range of RTO/ISO seams issues, but limited to the Eastern Interconnection. The Commission invites representatives of all regions to participate.

The Commission is now soliciting nominations for speakers at the technical conference. Persons wishing to nominate themselves as speakers should do so using this electronic link: <https://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/rto-03-29-speaker-form.asp>. Such nominations must be made before

the close of business, February 16, 2007 so that an agenda for the technical conference can be drafted and published.

An agenda will be issued prior to the conference. You may use the Commission's e-subscription service to be notified of future notices in this proceeding. Please visit <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp>.

A free webcast of this event will be available through [www.ferc.gov](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 Webcast. The Capitol Connection provides technical support for the webcasts. It also offers access to open meetings via television in the DC area and via phone bridge for a fee. Visit <http://www.CapitolConnection.org> or contact Danelle Perkowski or David Reininger at 703-993-3100.

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For further information on this conference, please contact: Udi Helman, Office of Energy Markets and Reliability, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, 202-502-8080, [Udi.Helman@ferc.gov](mailto:Udi.Helman@ferc.gov).

**Magalie R. Salas,***Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. AD07-8-000]

**Notice of Technical Conference; Review of Market Monitoring Policies**

January 25, 2007.

A technical conference will be held on April 5, 2007, to review the Commission's general policies regarding market monitoring.<sup>1</sup>

The conference will be held from 9:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. (EDT) in the Commission Meeting Room of the

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The Commission will issue at least one supplemental notice with a detailed agenda prior to the conference.

The conference is open to the public to attend. A free webcast of this event will be available through [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov). Anyone with Internet access who desires to view this event can do so by navigating to [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)'s Calendar of Events and locating this event in the Calendar. The event will contain a link to its Webcast. The Capitol Connection provides technical support for the Webcasts and offers access to the meeting via phone bridge for a fee. If you have any questions, visit <http://www.CapitolConnection.org> or contact Danelle Perkowski or David Reininger at 703-993-3100.

Transcripts of the meeting will be available immediately for a fee from Ace Reporting Company (202-347-3700 or 1-800-336-6646). They will be available for free on the Commission's eLibrary system and on the events calendar approximately one week after the meeting.

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For additional information, please contact Saida Shaalan by e-mail at [Saida.Shaalan@ferc.gov](mailto:Saida.Shaalan@ferc.gov) or by phone at 202-502-8278.

**Magalie R. Salas,***Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

**Records Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice**

January 26, 2007.

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(b), of the receipt of prohibited and exempt off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive a prohibited or exempt off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of a contested proceeding,

<sup>1</sup> Louisville Gas and Electric Company, et al., 114 FERC ¶ 61,282 (2006) at P 64-65.

<sup>1</sup> The Commission announced its intent to hold a technical conference in PJM Interconnection, LLC., order on reh'g, 117 FERC ¶ 61,263 (2006).

to deliver to the Secretary of the Commission, a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication.

Prohibited communications are included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not a part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become a 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 a request only when it determines that fairness so requires. Any person identified below as having made a prohibited off-the-record communication shall 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 are 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 off-the-record communications recently received by the Secretary of the Commission. The communications listed are grouped by docket numbers in ascending order. 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 eLibrary 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](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at (866)208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

| Docket No.                    | Date received | Presenter or requester                               |
|-------------------------------|---------------|--|
| Prohibited:                   |               |  |
| 1. CP06-54-000 .....          | 1-23-07       | Stewart P. McMullan.                                 |
| Exempt:                       |               |  |
| 1. CP06-54-000 .....          | 1-24-07       | Hon. Gina McCarthy.                                  |
| 2. Project No. 2100-00 .....  | 1-25-07       | Kenneth Sanchez.                                     |
| 3. Project No. 2539-000 ..... | 1-16-07       | Hon. Charles E. Schumer.<br>Hon. Michael R. McNulty. |
| 4. Project No. 2545-000 ..... | 1-18-07       | Robert G. Whitlam, Ph.D.                             |

**Magalie R. Salas,**  
Secretary.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[ER-FRL-6683-7]

**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 7, 2006 (71 FR 17845).

**Draft EISs**

*EIS No. 20060355, ERP No. D-MMS-A02244-00, Outer Continental Shelf Oil & Gas Leasing Program: 2007-2012, Exploration and Development Offshore Marine Environment and Coastal Counties of AL, AK, DE, FL, LA, MD, MS, NJ, NC, TX and VA. Summary:* EPA expressed

environmental concerns about cumulative impacts and mitigation. Rating EC2.

*EIS No. 20060378, ERP No. D-NPS-A84030-00, Programmatic—Service-wide Benefits Sharing Project, To Clarify the Rights and Responsibilities of Researchers and National Park Service (NPS) Management in Connection with the Use of Valuable Discoveries, Inventions, and Other Developments, across the United States. Summary:* EPA does not object to the preferred alternative. Rating LO.

*EIS No. 20060413, ERP No. D-FTA-E59003-FL, Programmatic—South Florida East Coast Corridor Transit Analysis Study Tier 1, To Address Transportation Demand, Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties, FL. Summary:* EPA expressed environmental concerns about the impacts to aquatic resources (wetlands, streams, sole source aquifers, and aquatic preserves), communities, archeological and historic properties, and contaminated sites, and noise impacts. Rating EC2.

*EIS No. 20060415, ERP No. D-USA-J11023-CO, Fort Carson Transformation Program, Implementation, Base Realignment and Closure Activities, Fort Carson, El Paso, Pueblo and Fremont Counties, CO. Summary:* EPA expressed

environmental concerns about impacts to water quality, air quality and biological resources, and requested additional information on these impacts and mitigation measures to reduced impacts. Rating EC2.

*EIS No. 20060437, ERP No. D-NRS-D36122-WV, Dunloup Creek Watershed Plan, Voluntary Floodplain Buyout, Implementation, West Virginia Third Congressional District, Fayette and Raleigh Counties, WV. Summary:* EPA does not object to the proposed action. Rating LO.

*EIS No. 20060440, ERP No. D-GSA-D81037-VA, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Central Records Complex, Site Selection and Construction, Winchester, Frederick County, VA. Summary:* EPA expressed environmental concern about potential water resource impacts. Rating EC1.

*EIS No. 20060455, ERP No. D-WPA-K05063-AZ, San Luis Rio Colorado Project, Construct, Operate, Maintain, and Connect a Double-Circuited 500,000-volt Electric Transmission Line, Right-of-Way Grant and Presidential Permit, (DOE/EIS-0395) Yuma County, AZ. Summary:* EPA does not object to the proposed action. Rating LO.

*EIS No. 20060475, ERP No. D-SFW-G64013-TX, Texas Chenier Plain*