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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. AD06-2-000; ER06-406-000; ER02-2330-040; ER03-345-006; ER01-3001-014]

#### Supplemental Notice of Technical Conference; Assessment of Demand Response Resources; PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.; ISO New England Inc.; ISO New England Inc.; New York Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.

January 20, 2006.

This supplemental notice provides additional information for a technical conference to be held on Wednesday, January 25, 2006, at 9 a.m. (EST),<sup>1</sup> on demand response and advanced metering regarding issues raised by the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPA 2005) section 1252(e)(3).<sup>2</sup> This notice includes additional dockets numbers because those filings all contain issues associated with demand response and those issues may be discussed within presentations. The technical conference will be held in the Commission Meeting Room at the Federal Energy Regulatory

<sup>1</sup> The initial notice setting the date of this technical conference was issued on December 12, 2005. 70 FR 74,804 (2005). An additional notice setting forth the agenda and procedures for the technical conference was issued on January 13, 2006.

<sup>2</sup> Energy Policy Act of 2005, Public Law No. 109-58, § 1252(e)(3), 119 Stat. 594 (2005).

Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The conference will be open for the public to attend and advance registration is not required. This will be a staff conference, but Commissioners may attend.

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

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For further information on the technical conference, please contact: David Kathan (Technical Information), Office of Markets, Tariffs and Rates, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. (202) 502-6404. [David.Kathan@ferc.gov](mailto:David.Kathan@ferc.gov). Aileen Roder (Legal Information), Office of the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. (202) 502-6022. [Aileen.Roder@ferc.gov](mailto:Aileen.Roder@ferc.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. ER05-1410-000; and EL05-148-000]

#### PJM Interconnection, LLC; Supplemental Notice of Commission Technical Conference

January 19, 2006.

As announced in the Notice of Commission Technical Conference issued on December 8, 2005, the Commission will hold a technical conference on February 3, 2006 at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC, on the matters raised by the Reliability Pricing Model (RPM) filed in the above-captioned dockets by PJM Interconnection, LLC (PJM). This supplemental notice provides additional

information and an agenda for the conference. Members and staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission are expected to participate. The conference will be open for the public to attend. The conference will be held in the Commission Meeting Room, with overflow to Hearing Room One.

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

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#### Reliability Pricing Model in PJM Commission Technical Conference Agenda<sup>1</sup>

February 3, 2006.

Welcome from Chairman Joseph T.

Kelliher:

10 a.m.-10:15 a.m.

*Introduction:*

10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

The Commission requests that PJM present a brief factual overview of PJM's current infrastructure. This presentation will include information regarding location, age and efficiency of

<sup>1</sup> Both this schedule and the list of panelists may change. The Commission will issue a further notice of such changes if time permits.

generation, transmission constraints, proposed new transmission construction, demand response and new generation projects as they relate to PJM's current and forecasted reliability needs. The Commission further requests that PJM summarize the main components of RPM. (A representative of PJM will be present during each subsequent panel to answer questions, but PJM will not make any further independent presentation.)

PJM Interconnection, LLC: Audrey A. Zibelman, Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer, and Andrew L. Ott, Vice President—Markets.

**Panel 1:**

10:45 a.m.—1 p.m.

Whether the current capacity obligation construct within PJM's market design provides for just and reasonable wholesale power prices in the PJM footprint, at levels that provide adequate assurance that necessary resources will be provided to assure reliability, or whether changes must be made to that capacity obligation construct.

Dayton Power and Light Company: Gary Stephenson, Vice President, Commercial Operations.

Edison Mission Companies: Reem Fahey, Vice President, Market Policy.

Exelon Corporation: John F. Young, Executive Vice President, Finance and Markets and Chief Financial Officer.

FirstEnergy Service Company: Michael R. Beiting, Associate General Counsel.

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio: Hon. Alan R. Schriber, Chair.

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission: Andrew S. Tubbs, Counsel.

Maryland Office of People's Counsel: William Fields, Senior Assistant People's Counsel.

**Lunch**

1 p.m.—2 p.m.

**Panel 2:**

2 p.m.—3:30 p.m.

Whether PJM's RPM proposal would provide for just and reasonable wholesale power prices in the PJM footprint, at levels that provide adequate reliability, or whether changes must be made to the proposal to meet those goals.

PSEG Companies: Gary R. Sorenson, Managing Director, Energy Operations, PSEG Power LLC.

Reliant Energy, Inc.: Neal A. Fitch, Senior Regulatory Specialist.

Mirant Parties/NRG Companies/Williams: Robert B. Stoddard, Vice President, Charles River Associates, International.

Constellation Energy Group: Marjorie R. Philips, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs.

National Grid USA: Mary Ellen Paravalos, Director of Regulatory Policy.

PJM Industrial Customer Coalition: Robert A. Weishaar, McNees, Wallace and Nurick, LLC.

New Jersey Board of Public Utilities: Hon. Frederick T. Butler, Commissioner.

Virginia Office of the Attorney General: Seth W. Brown, Manager of Transmission Services, GDS Associates, Inc.

**Panel 3:**

3:30 p.m.—4:45 p.m.

Whether an alternative approach to RPM is necessary to ensure just and reasonable wholesale power prices in the PJM footprint.

American Electric Power Service Co.: J. Craig Baker, Senior Vice President, Regulatory Services.

Morgan Stanley Capital Group Inc.: James Sheffield, Vice President.

Coalition of Consumers for Reliability: Edward D. Tatum, Jr., Assistant Vice President, Rates and Regulation, Old Dominion Electric Cooperative (ODEC).

PPL Parties: Thomas Hyzinski, Manager, ISO Markets Development and Regulatory Policy.

Delaware Public Service Commission: Hon. Arnetta McRae, Chair.

Closing remarks by Chairman Joseph T. Kelliher:

4:45 p.m.—5 p.m.

Each panelist should provide a presentation of no more than five minutes, and the Commissioners may ask questions at the conclusion of each presentation. If time permits, the audience may also ask questions of the panelists at the conclusion of the Commissioners' questions. Panelists wishing to distribute copies of their presentation should bring 100 or more hard copies to the conference for distribution. Any such presentation will be placed into the record for these dockets. Any panelist requiring particular software or other technical facilities for a presentation should contact FERC staff no later than January 27, 2006. All parties to this proceeding may file comments on the technical conference by close of business on February 23, 2006.

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[Docket No. PL02-6-001]

**Before Commissioners: Joseph T. Kelliher, Chairman; Nora Mead Brownell, and Suedeem G. Kelly; Natural Gas Pipeline Negotiated Rate Policies and Practices; Order on Rehearing and Clarification**

Issued January 19, 2006.

1. Several parties<sup>1</sup> request rehearing and or clarification of the Commission's July 9, 2003 Order in the captioned docket.<sup>2</sup> In that order, the Commission modified its negotiated rate policies so that pipelines would no longer be permitted to enter into negotiated rate agreements that utilize basis differentials as a transportation pricing mechanism.

**Background**

2. In 1996, the Commission permitted pipelines the opportunity to use negotiated rates as an alternative to cost-of-service ratemaking.<sup>3</sup> Under the negotiated rate program, the pipeline and a shipper may negotiate rates that vary from a pipeline's otherwise applicable cost-of-service tariff rate. However, a cost-based recourse rate must be maintained by the pipeline for customers that prefer traditional cost-of-service rates and to mitigate market power if the pipeline unilaterally demands excess prices or withholds service. The Commission determined that the availability of the recourse rate would prevent pipelines from exercising market power by assuring that the customer always has the option of purchasing capacity at the just and reasonable tariff rate if the pipeline unilaterally demands excessive prices.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Parties requesting rehearing or clarification are: Illinois Municipal Gas Agency; Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America and Kinder Morgan Interstate Gas Transmission, LLC; CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company; Northern Natural Gas Company; MidAmerican Energy Company; BP America Production Company and BP Energy Company; American Public Gas Association; Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company; ANR Pipeline Company and Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company; American Gas Association; and Interstate Natural Gas Association of America.

<sup>2</sup> *Natural Gas Pipeline Negotiated Rates Policies and Practices*, 104 FERC ¶ 61,134 (2003)(July 2003 Order).

<sup>3</sup> The Commission's negotiated rate policies were originally established in Alternatives to Traditional Cost-of-Service Ratemaking for Natural Gas Pipelines, Regulation of Negotiated Transportation Services, 74 FERC ¶ 61,076, order on clarification, 74 FERC ¶ 61,194, order on reh'g, 75 FERC ¶ 61,024 (1996).

<sup>4</sup> Alternatives to Traditional Cost-of-Service Ratemaking for Natural Gas Pipelines, 74 FERC ¶