

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Interconnection Queuing Practices	Docket No. AD08-2-000
Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator	ER07-1375-000
Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator	ER07-970-000
Southwest Power Pool	ER07-1311-000
PacifiCorp	OA07-54-000
United States Department of Energy Bonneville Power Administration	NJ08-2-000

SECOND NOTICE OF TECHNICAL CONFERENCE

(November 30, 2007)

As announced in the “Notice of Technical Conference” issued on November 2, 2007, a technical conference will be held on Tuesday, December 11, 2007 from 9:30 am to approximately 4:30 pm (EST) (changed from the starting and closing times listed in the previous notice), in the Commission Meeting Room of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) at 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. Commissioners will be attending this conference.

The Commission issued Order No. 2003 to standardize the agreements and procedures related to the interconnection of large generating facilities.¹ The Commission

¹ Standardization of Generator Interconnection Agreements and Procedures, Order No. 2003, 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’rs 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. ¶ 31,196 (2005), *order granting*

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found that “[a] standard set of procedures as part of the OATT for all jurisdictional transmission facilities will minimize opportunities for undue discrimination and expedite the development of new generation, while protecting reliability and ensuring that rates are just and reasonable.”² Key to appropriately balancing these goals was a set of comprehensive queue management procedures. However, some regions are experiencing various issues in attempting to manage their queues. Surges in the volume of new generation development are taxing the current queue management approach for interconnections in some regions. Comparable issues have arisen in the transmission service queues for similar reasons. Additionally, the unprecedented demand in some regions for new types of generation, principally renewable generation, places further stress on the current queue management approach because such generation technologies can, for example, be brought online more quickly than traditional generation. Finally, some regions have implemented new capacity markets that did not exist when the current queue management approach was developed and are struggling with how to adjust queue management to accommodate those new markets.

The purpose of this conference is to discuss possible methods to address the current challenges of queue management while still honoring the Order No. 2003 goals described above. Panelists should identify the steps and timeframes necessary to implement specific proposals. The agenda for the conference is attached.

Transcripts of the conference will be immediately available from Ace Reporting Company (202-347-3700 or 1-800-336-6646) for a fee. Additionally, a free webcast of this event will be available through www.ferc.gov. Anyone with Internet access who desires to view this event can do so by navigating to 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 free webcasts. It also offers access to this event via television in the DC area and via phone bridge for a fee. If you have any questions, visit www.CapitolConnection.org or contact Danelle Perkowski or David Reininger at 703-993-3100.

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).

²Order No. 2003, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,146 at P 11.

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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Interconnection Queuing Practices
Technical Conference
Agenda**

December 11, 2007

9:30 a.m. Opening Remarks

Chairman Joseph T. Kelliher, Commissioner Suedeen G. Kelly,
Commissioner Marc Spitzer, Commissioner Philip D. Moeller,
Commissioner Jon Wellinghoff

10:00 a.m. Agenda Overview

Ray Palmer, Chief, Energy Innovations Sector, Office of Energy Markets
and Regulation

**10:05 a.m. First Panel: Importance of Improving Queue Management - State
Policy Perspectives**

John Norris, Chairman, Iowa Utilities Board, and President, Organization
of MISO States

Ron Binz, Chairman, Colorado Public Utilities Commission

Susan Wefald, President, North Dakota Public Service Commission

Anne George, Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Public Utility
Control

Laurence G. Chaset, Senior Counsel, California Public Utilities
Commission

*This first panel will address how current queue processes are affecting the
attainment of State policy goals such as renewable portfolio standards,
resource adequacy requirements, and fuel diversification.*

11:00 a.m. Second Panel: Improving Queue Management in the Midwest

Clair J. Moeller, Vice President, Transmission Asset Management,
Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.

Charles Hendrix, Senior Engineer, Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

Dean Gosselin, Vice President, Wind Development, FPL Energy

Paul Blackburn, Executive Director, Community-Based Energy
Development Initiative

Kris Zadlo, Vice President, Transmission, Calpine Corporation

Don Furman, Senior Vice President, PPM Energy

Robert Gramlich, Policy Director, American Wind Energy Association

12:30 p.m. Lunch break

1:30 p.m. Third Panel: Improving Queue Management in the West

Armando Perez, Vice President, Planning and Infrastructure Development,
California Independent System Operator

Elliot Mainzer, Manager, Transmission Policy and Strategy, Bonneville
Power Administration

Dennis Desmarais, Director, Transmission Services, PacifiCorp

Ronald Litzinger, Senior Vice President, Transmission and Distribution,
Southern California Edison Company

Jan Smutny-Jones, Executive Director, Independent Energy Producers
Association

Joshua Bar-Lev, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, Brightsource Energy

William Engelbrecht, Vice President, Planning and Development, Sempra
Generation

3:00 p.m. Fourth Panel: Improving Queue Management in the East

Steven R. Herling, Vice President, Planning, PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Stephen J. Rourke, Vice President, System Planning, ISO New England, Inc.

Sean Finnerty, Senior Vice President, Wind Development, Competitive Power Ventures, Inc.

Mack Thompson, Vice President, Power Supply Services, American Municipal Power-Ohio

Angela O'Connor, President, New England Power Generators Association

The second, third, and fourth panels will address the following questions:

What is the current queue situation in your region?

What queue management improvements would be most effective and which could be implemented most quickly? What changes if any could be implemented within the transmission provider's current tariff and which would require a change in the tariff? What changes are already accommodated by the flexibility provided in Order No. 2003?

What experience has been gained with the voluntary clustering permitted by Order No. 2003? Should the Commission require clustering? What methods of clustering and clustering periods have been tried and which have been the most effective?

To what extent is queue management hampered by large numbers of requests that are eventually withdrawn? Should the financial and other commitments required to obtain and retain a queue position be increased? If so, what disadvantages does this present transmission and interconnection customers, particularly smaller customers? Could improvements in the availability or transparency of certain information relevant to project siting decisions, such as congestion or ancillary service costs, reduce the number of requests in the queue that are ultimately withdrawn?

Are there alternatives to the first-come, first-served approach to processing interconnection and transmission service requests that should be considered? For example, would an open season process in which generators with committed buyers are processed in advance of other

generators be an improvement or would it be unduly discriminatory for other customers competing to develop new generation or serve load?

Within the footprint of Regional Transmission Organizations (RTOs) and Independent System Operators (ISOs), what is the most efficient and fair division of responsibility between the RTO/ISO and the transmission owners in processing the queues?

Do current approaches to modeling of system impacts contribute to delays in processing queues, and, if so, how might this be addressed?