

without regard to that variable. This comment does not necessitate or request any revisions to the S&CP Document.

As to the questions above concerning section 5.3.3 of the BPS, the How Group stands by the performance standards proposed in the May 19 Notice. It argues that these performance standards should be adopted now and can later be modified if new technology becomes available that would make them obsolete.

In Open Access Same-Time Information System and Standards of Conduct, Order No. 605, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,075 (1999), the Commission stressed the importance of providing customers with information on curtailments.<sup>6</sup> The MIC/How Groups responded to this concern by submitting comments on September 23, 1999 (September 23 Filing) in Docket No. RM98-3-000 suggesting that the S&CP Document should be revised to include a new scheduling template "SCHEDULEDETAIL" that incorporates information previously supplied in the "CURTAILMENT" template. The September 23 Filing argued that a seven-day lag should be permitted before this information is posted based on concerns over the commercial sensitivity of the underlying information and because the Commission's regulation at 18 CFR 37.6(f) already provides a seven-day lag prior to the posting of information on transmission service schedules. Notice of the September 23 Filing was issued on October 6, 1999, inviting comments on or before November 8, 1999. None was filed.

Although not separately reiterated in the cover letter accompanying the January 31, 2000 submittal from the MIC/How Groups, which was the basis for much of the May 19 Notice, the revised templates were included in the S&CP Document, Version 1.4 proposed in the May 19 Notice and set out in Attachment A to that document. On review of this matter, we will accept the suggested seven-day lag before posting because this lag is already permitted with regard to much of the information and because the lag should not interfere with the review of this information by customers and the Commission to detect discriminatory practices. However, we make no finding as to the claim that this information is commercially sensitive and our decision does not rely on that argument.

Finally, in addition to the changes recommended by the MIC/How Groups, we will take this opportunity to correct two typographical errors that we have

discovered in the S&CP Document. In Section 4.2.12 and in the Data Dictionary under ANC\_SVC\_LINK we are changing "ANC\_SVC\_TYPE" to "AS\_TYPE." This change is reflected in the revised S&CP Document, which is available at an address under

**ADDRESSES.**

#### IV. Effective Date and Congressional Notification

The How Group has requested that the industry be given six months to prepare for the implementation of Version 1.4 of the S&CP Document before it becomes effective. Based on the assumption that there will probably be a lag of thirty days between adoption of this order by the Commission and its publication in the **Federal Register**, we will direct that Version 1.4 of the S&CP Document will take effect 150 days from the publication of this order in the **Federal Register**.

The Commission has determined, with the concurrence of the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of the Office of Management and Budget, that this order does not constitute a "major rule" within the meaning of section 351 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Act of 1996. The Commission will submit this order to both houses of Congress and the Comptroller General prior to its publication in the **Federal Register**.

The Commission orders:

The revised S&CP Document (Version 1.4) is hereby adopted for use by Transmission Providers, to become effective on January 8, 2001, as discussed in the body of this order.

By the Commission.

**David P. Boergers,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM95-9-013]

#### Open Access Same-Time Information System and Standards of Conduct

Issued August 1, 2000.

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission).

**ACTION:** Order seeking comments on proposed changes to "Business Practice Standards for OASIS Transactions" (BPS Document).

**SUMMARY:** The Commission is considering revising the BPS Document

adopted by the Commission on February 25, 2000 in *Open Access Same-Time Information System and Standards of Conduct*, Order No. 638, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,093 (2000). The Commission invites comments on these proposed revisions.

**DATES:** Written comments (an original and 14 paper copies) must be received by September 11, 2000. In addition, the Commission encourages the filing of a copy of the comments on computer diskette or by E-Mail to "comment.rm@ferc.fed.us" by the same date.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the BPS Document are available at the Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. E-Mail address: "comment.rm@ferc.fed.us".

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Marvin Rosenberg (Technical Information), Office of Markets, Tariffs, and Rates, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-1283.

Paul Robb (Technical Information), Office of Markets, Tariffs, and Rates, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 219-2702.

Gary D. Cohen (Legal Information), Office of the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-0321.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Before Commissioners: James J. Hoecker, Chairman; William L. Massey, Linda Breathitt, and Curt Hubert, Jr.

#### Order Seeking Comments on Proposed Changes to "Business Practice Standards for OASIS Transactions"

##### I. Introduction

The Commission is considering making revisions to the "Business Practice Standards for OASIS Transactions" (BPS) adopted by the Commission on February 25, 2000 in *Open Access Same-Time Information System and Standards of Conduct*, Order No. 638, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,093 (2000) to reflect, with minor edits by the Commission, suggested revisions jointly recommended by the OASIS How Working Group (How Group) and the Market Interface Committee (MIC) (jointly MIC/How Groups). We, therefore, are inviting comments on these suggested changes, as edited by the Commission. We intend to issue a revised BPS document, after

<sup>6</sup>FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,075 at 30,482.

a review of any comments filed, unless persuaded otherwise.

## II. Background

In Order No. 638, the Commission adopted a set of uniform business practices (*i.e.*, the BPS), implementing the Commission's policies on transmission service price negotiations and on improving interactions between transmission providers and customers over Open Access Same-Time Information System (OASIS) sites. Order No. 638 also contained a number of requests to the MIC/How Groups,<sup>1</sup> including a request that the MIC/How Groups submit a report to the Commission, by June 29, 2000,<sup>2</sup> providing recommendations for revisions to the BPS to reflect the Commission's findings in *North American Electric Reliability Council*, 89 FERC ¶ 61,277 (1999) (Next Hour Order), *reconsideration denied*, 92 FERC ¶ 61,012 (2000), and to consider specified changes related to the State Diagram.<sup>3</sup>

On June 16, 2000, the MIC/How Groups jointly submitted for Commission consideration recommended revisions to the BPS. In this order, we are inviting comment on whether the Commission should adopt the recommended revisions to the BPS suggested by the MIC/How Group, as edited by the Commission (these edits are discussed below).

## III. Discussion

In response to our request in Order No. 638, the June 16, 2000 submittal recommends a series of minor revisions to the BPS,<sup>4</sup> including: (1) Revised definitions of the scheduling period for "same-day" and "next-hour" transactions in BPS section 2.6.1; (2) designation in Table 1-1 of Next Hour Market Service (NHM Service) as a standard product (leaving the definition of this product to each transmission provider's Open Access Transmission Tariff); (3) revisions to Tables 4-2 and 4-3 and related provisions to reflect the

availability of NHM Service and its priority vis a vis other transmission services; (4) revisions to Standards 4.8, 4.17, 5.4, and addition of a new Standard 4.2.7, to reflect recommended clarifications of applicable comment fields; (5) revisions to Standards 3.3, 3.6, 4.1, 4.13, 4.15, 4.20, 4.24, 4.25, and 5.5 (by changing the word "should" to "shall") to reflect that these standards were made mandatory in Order No. 638; and (6) the addition of a new section 7, providing 16 new business practices covering NHM Service.<sup>5</sup>

The MIC/How Group also points out that, for clarity, Table 1-1 should be redesignated as Table 2-1. Finally, the MIC/How Group suggests changes to the S&CP Document and Data Element Dictionary that we will address separately when we consider making further revisions to those documents.

We appreciate the ongoing efforts of the MIC/How Groups to voluntarily address the Commission's questions and to try to reach consensus on these issues. Subject to our review of any comments that are filed in response to this Order, we propose to adopt the revisions to the BPS as recommended by the MIC/How Groups, with the exceptions discussed below. First, the MIC/How Groups' proposed Section 7.2 states:

Standard 7.2: A transmission provider offering NHM Service shall allow an eligible transmission customer to request a NHM Service reservation electronically using protocols compliant with NERC ETAG Specification 1.6 or later.

We will revise this standard to delete the words "or later" from the end of the sentence. The Commission is reluctant to approve future business practices before they are developed. Although we find NERC's current ETAG procedures acceptable, *see, e.g., Allegheny Energy Service Corporation*, 91 FERC ¶ 61,044 at 61,160-61 (2000), we reserve judgment on any revised ETAG specifications that may be developed in the future.

Second, we also will correct two typographical errors in the recommended BPS, Version 1.2. First, we will correct the spelling of "http" in the reference to the TSIN Website in Standard 3.2. Second, we will remove, as redundant, the word "set" that

<sup>5</sup>The business practices recommended in Section 7 would define NHM Service and list it as a voluntary service that, if provided, must be provided in accordance with Standards 7.1-7.16. Among other matters, these standards set the time limits for such transactions, require North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC) electronic tags (ETAGS) for reserving and designating such service, and discuss procedures for reserving such service, identifying path segments, and curtailing such service.

follows the word "consider" in the first sentence of Standard 7.5. Thus, this phrase would read "[a] transmission provider offering NHM Service shall consider the amount . . ."

Subject to our review of any comments filed in response to this order, we intend to adopt a revised BPS Document, Version 1.2.<sup>6</sup>

## IV. Public Comment Procedure

This order explains our intention to make certain technical revisions to the BPS. Prior to taking final action on this proposal, we are inviting comments from interested persons on the proposals discussed in this order. The Commission invites interested persons to submit written comments on the proposed revisions to the BPS described in this order, including any related matters or alternative proposals that commenters may wish to discuss.

The original and 14 copies of such comments must be received by the Commission by September 11, 2000. Comments should be submitted to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington DC 20426 and should refer to Docket No. RM95-9-013.

In addition to filing paper copies, the Commission encourages the filing of comments either on computer diskette or via Internet E-Mail. Comments may be filed in the following formats: WordPerfect 8.0 or lower version, MS Word Office 97 or lower version, or ASCII format.

For diskette filing, include the following information on the diskette label: Docket No. RM95-9-013; the name of the filing entity; the software and version used to create the file; and the name and telephone number of a contact person.

For Internet E-Mail submittal, comments should be submitted to "comment.rm@ferc.fed.us" in the following format. On the subject line, specify Docket No. RM95-9-013. In the body of the E-Mail message, include the name of the filing entity; the software and version used to create the file, and the name and telephone number of the contact person. Attach the comment to the E-Mail in one of the formats specified above. The Commission will send an automatic acknowledgment to the sender's E-Mail address upon receipt. Questions on electronic filing should be directed to Brooks Carter by

<sup>6</sup>For clarity, the BPS Document uses redline and strikeout fonts to highlight differences between BPS Version 1.1 (the version adopted in Order No. 638) and Version 1.2 (the version proposed in this order). Copies of the BPS Document are available at an address under ADDRESSES.

<sup>1</sup> See Order No. 638, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,093 at 31,448-49.

<sup>2</sup>Ninety days from March 31, 2000, the date of publication of Order No. 638 in the **Federal Register**.

<sup>3</sup> See section 4.2.10.2 of the OASIS Standards and Communication Protocols Document (S&CP Document).

<sup>4</sup>The MIC/How Groups have suggested revisions to the following BPS Sections, Standards, and Tables: Section 2.1; Standard 2.1; Standard 2.1.14; Standard 2.6.1; Standard 2.6.2; Standard 3.6; Standard 4.1; Standard 4.8; Standard 4.13; Notes to Table 4-2; Standard 4.14; Standard 4.15; Table 4-3; Standard 4.17; Standard 4.20; Standard 4.24; Standard 4.25; Standard 4.27; Standard 5.4; Standard 5.5; and a new Section 7 with 16 new standards (Standards 7.1-7.16).

telephone at 202-501-8145 or by E-Mail (to brooks.carter@ferc.fed.us).

Commenters should take note that, until the Commission amends its rules and regulations, the paper copy of the filing remains the official copy of the document submitted. Therefore, any discrepancies between the paper filing and the electronic filing or the diskette will be resolved by reference to the paper filing.

#### The Commission Orders

Interested persons may file comments on the proposed revisions to the "Business Practice Standards for OASIS Transactions" (BPS) within thirty (30) days of the date of publication of this order in the **Federal Register**, as discussed in the body of this order.

By the Commission.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Application to Amend License, and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

August 4, 2000.

- a. *Application Type:* Application to amend the license.
- b. *Project No.:* P-10228.
- c. *Date Filed:* April 7, 2000.
- d. *Applicant:* Cannelton Hydroelectric Project, L.P.
- e. *Name of Project:* Cannelton Hydroelectric Project.
- f. *Location:* The Project would be located at the existing U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Cannelton Lock and Dam on the Ohio River in Hancock County, Kentucky. The project utilizes a federal dam.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Cannelton Hydroelectric Project, L.P., 120 Calumet Court, Aiken S.C. 29803. Tel: (803) 642-2749.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Ms. Monica Maynard at (202) 219-2652 or by e-mail at monica.maynard@ferc.fed.us.
- j. *Deadline for filing comments and/or motions:* September 8, 2000.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Please include the project number (P-10228-013) on any comments or motions filed.

k. *Description of Filing:* Cannelton Hydroelectric Project, L.P., (Cannelton) proposes to change the dissolved oxygen criteria to be met in the river downstream from the project during project operation required under license article 402.

l. *Location of the Application:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. This filing may be viewed on <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> [call (202) 208-2222 for assistance]. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, 385.211, 385.214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

Filing and Service Responsive Documents—Any filing must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS," "PROTEST", OR "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

Agency Comments—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for

filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Scoping Meeting

August 4, 2000.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. *Type of Application:* A New Major License.
- b. *Project No.:* 2042-013.
- c. *Date filed:* January 21, 2000.
- d. *Applicant:* Public Utility District No. 1 of Pend Oreille County.
- e. *Name of Project:* Box Canyon Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Pend Oreille River, in Pend Oreille County, Washington and Bonner County, Idaho. About 709 acres within the project boundary are located on lands of the United States, including Kalispel Indian Reservation (493 acres), U.S. Forest Service Colville National Forest (182.93 acres), U.S. Department of Energy, Bonneville Power Administration (24.14 acres), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (2.45 acres), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (5.29 acres), and U.S. Bureau of Land Management (1.44 acres).

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 USC 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Mark Cauchy, Public Utility District No. 1 of Pend Oreille County, P.O. Box 190, Newport, WA 99156; (509) 447-9331.

i. *FERC Contact:* Mr. Timothy J. Welch, [Timothy.Welch@FERC.FED.US](mailto:Timothy.Welch@FERC.FED.US) or telephone (202) 219-2666.

j. *Deadline for filing scoping comments is September 12, 2000.*

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that