

the resource agency recommendations that staff did not recommend for adoption.

Anyone wishing to participate by teleconference should call 1-888-928-9122. They will need to give the operator the passcode "COSTELLO" and the leader "JOHN COSTELLO".

If you have any questions about the teleconference, please call John Costello at (202) 219-2914 or e-mail at john.costello@ferc.fed.us.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Third Interstate Natural Gas Facility-Planning Seminar

January 11, 2001.

The Office of Energy Projects will hold the third in a series of public meetings around the country for the purposes of exploring and enhancing strategies for constructive public participation in the earliest stages of natural gas facility planning. This seminar will be held in Tampa, Florida on Thursday, February 15, 2001. We are inviting interstate natural gas companies; Federal, state and local agencies; landowners and non-governmental organizations with an interest in developing new ways of doing business to join us in this effort. We will discuss the facility planning process, not the merits of any pending or planned pipeline projects.

The staff of the Commission's Office of Energy Projects will give a briefing on the results of our first two seminars in Albany, NY and Chicago, IL. We will discuss problems that were identified and potential solutions that were offered in the seminars.

Join us as we continue to explore new strategies being employed by the natural gas industry, agencies, and citizens to learn about each others' concerns and to engage the public and agencies in participatory project design. Interactive discussions will be held with panelists from various Federal and state agencies, representatives from natural gas companies, and private landowners or citizen representatives who have had relevant experiences. There will be substantial opportunity for the sharing of experiences and knowledge during both the panel discussions and in the interactive "brainstorming" session. So,

bring your ideas with you and prepare to share them.

The objectives of the meeting are:

- Build upon the discussions from the first two seminars in Albany, NY and Chicago, IL.
- Explore steps taken to identify the parties directly involved with and affected by natural gas facility siting and/or permitting, so they can work together and resolve issues.
- Explore the best avenues for involving people and agencies toward fostering settlements through creative issue resolution.
- To encourage the submission of filings with no or few contested issues in order to reduce the Commission's processing time.
- Discuss the potential benefits of an interstate natural gas pipeline project.

Note: One of our panels this time will focus on the potential benefits of pipelines from each parties' perspective.

We are building on what was learned at our prior meetings and continuing to work toward developing a toolbox of the best available techniques for increasing public involvement and developing solutions to issues during the pre-filing planning process. This will help to plan projects with less opposition that can achieve faster action from the Commission with less controversy and fewer conditions.

The meeting in Tampa, Florida will be held at the Holiday Inn City Centre, located in Tampa, Florida. The meeting is scheduled to start at 9:30 a.m. and finish at 4 p.m. A preliminary agenda and directions to the Holiday Inn City Centre are enclosed. Also, see attachment 2 regarding the selection of locations of future meetings.

If you plan to attend, please email our team at: gasoutreach@ferc.fed.us by February 6, 2001. Or, you can respond via facsimile to Pennie Lewis-Partee at 202-208-0353. Please include in the response the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all attendees from your organization. We will send an acknowledgment of your request.

To help us enhance our panel discussions, please consider issues and/or questions you would like to have addressed at the meetings and email them to us. If you have any questions, you may contact any of the staff listed below:

Richard Hoffmann, 202/208-0066
Lauren O'Donnell, 202/208-0325
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J. Mark Robinson,

Director, Division of Environmental & Engineering Review, Office of Energy Projects.

Attachments (2).

Agenda

3rd Interstate Natural Gas Facility Planning Seminar, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Holiday Inn City Centre, Tampa, Florida

February 15, 2001—9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

9:30 a.m.—Introductions

Welcome: Mark Robinson, Director, Division of Environmental & Engineering Review, Office of Energy Projects, FERC, Rich Hoffmann, Office of Energy Projects (OEP), FERC

9:45—The Pipeline Planning/Approval Process—Lauren O'Donnell, OEP, What's the role of FERC?

10:00—Summary of Comments from the Albany and Chicago Meetings—Rich Hoffmann

10:30—Panel 1. Perspectives on Project Announcement, Route Planning, and How To Work Together—Howard Wheeler, OEP, Moderator.

[Discussion of factors re: announcement of the project, planning of the route, types of surveys needed; extent of disturbance, and who to tell. What are the needs of the various stakeholders?]

Representative from Duke Energy
John Ryan, League of Environmental Organizations, Ken Huntington, Florida Department of Environmental Protection

[10-minute discussion by each panelist with interactive Q&A session with panelists and audience for remainder of Panel]

12:00—Lunch

1:00—Panel 2. What are the Benefits (real and potential) of a natural gas project and right-of-way?—Lauren O'Donnell, Moderator

[Discussion of the various types of benefits of a pipeline project to the company, the individual, local area, region and/or state. How to identify them, how to advertize them.]

Pal Mulieri, County Commissioner, Pasco County, FL, John Shafer, Enron, Citizen/NGO Representative

[10 minute discussion by each panelist with interactive Q&A session with panelists and audience for remainder of Panel]

2:00—Discussion by Kearns & West, Inc., on Stakeholder Involvement.—Ann Gunning

2:15—Brainstorming Session * * *

OEP Staff will lend an all-participants discussion of issues regarding:

- How best to involve landowners and communities.
- How best to work with applicants and agencies;
- How to coordinate with multiple agencies/jurisdictions;
- How to get information on the need for a project; and
- How to describe workspace/right-of-way requirements.

3:55—Summary of the Day

Directions to: Holiday Inn City Centre [813-223-1351]

• Holiday Inn City Centre is located at 111 West Fortune Street, Tampa, FL 33602

• Take Interstate I-275 to exit #25—Ashley Street; Keep bearing right (Fortune St. will “Y” into Ashley St.—stay right); Holiday Inn is on the right side of the street.

Future Meetings?

Between now and September of 2001, we will conduct additional seminars at locations around the country. Locations for the meetings will be selected based on the history of past, present and especially future pipeline projects where interstate natural gas markets are developing or expanding.

Areas we are considering for meetings include:

Boston, Massachusetts/Portland, Maine Area.—March/April, 2001
Seattle/Puget Sound Washington—May/June, 2001 and/or
Reno, Nevada or Salt Lake City, Utah—July/August, 2001

If you care to voice your opinion about these or other areas, please follow the instructions for contacting us in the notice.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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New York Independent System Operator, Inc.; Supplemental Notice of Technical Conference

January 11, 2001.

The December 11, 2000, notice in this proceeding indicated that a technical conference will be held on January 22 and 23, 2001. That conference will be held in Hearing Rooms 5 and 6 (which will be combined to form one large

room) at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The conference will commence at 9:30 a.m. on January 22, 2001.

The agenda for the conference is set forth below. To facilitate efficient discussion, the various industry sectors should designate a spokesperson for their sector, although additional views may be stated as necessary. By 5:00 p.m. on January 18, 2001, participants should inform Stanley Wolf at 202-208-0891 or stanley.wolf@ferc.fed.us or Penny Murrell at 202-208-0531 or penny.murrell@ferc.fed.us, who the spokesperson for the industry sectors are, and for which sessions/topics listed below. If the industry sector cannot reach consensus on its selection of spokespersons, members of that sector may separately inform Mr. Wolf or Ms. Murrell of their selections. Staff may select some or all of these to participate in the discussions. Rather than repeat at length prior pleadings, spokespersons are requested to merely refer to such pleadings where appropriate.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

Technical Conference Schedule

Day 1: Morning Session 9:30-12:30

I. State of the Markets—Panel—3 hours

This panel will be comprised of a representative from each sector including, NYISO, Transmisison Owners, the Public Service Commission of New York State, Generators, Power Marketers, Endusers, and Public Power and Environment. The discussion will focus on the overall state of NYISO's markets; how things are going overall; whether the markets are generally working; what the major problems are in the markets; whether there are structural issues; whether there are any major problems with market rules and, if so, the solutions to the problems. This session will include a presentation by NYISO's Project Priority Team on the current status of its efforts to identify and assign priorities to the tasks facing the NYISO, focusing on preparations for the Summer 2001.

Lunch

Day 1: Afternoon Session 1:30-6:00

II. Energy Markets: What needs to be in place by Summer 2001? 3½ hours

This session will start with a presentation by NYISO on the changes that are proposed to be in place by Summer 2001. Discussions can include the details of the specific projects and whether the priorities proposed for these projects are reasonable. The

discussion may include the following topics:

NYISO “hybrid” fixed block generation pricing proposal
Out of merit commitment
Prorata curtailments
System security and adequacy during Summer 2001
Other reliability concerns
NO_x issues
Demand Response Mechanism
Billing issues
Data posting requirements
Communication and market information issues

III. Non-Spinning Reserves Markets—1 hour

This presentation will begin with a presentation by NYISO regarding the state of its NSR markets and the projects underway to make this a more competitive market. Discussions will follow concerning the short-term and long-term problems associated with these markets and the changes that are necessary to address these problems. Topics include:

Competitiveness of 10-minute non-spinning reserves markets
Physical self-supply of operating reserves
Use of western resources to meet operating reserves requirements
Locational pricing

Day 2: Morning Session 9:30-12:00

IV. Market Protection Measures—2½ hours

This session will include a presentation by NYISO regarding the use of its authority under its TEP. Discussions should follow regarding the extent of NYISO's price corrections and issuances of Extraordinary Corrective Actions (ECAs) under this authority and whether certain authority of the TEP should continue temporarily or if certain authority should be made a permanent part of the tariff. Participants may also discuss participant proposals concerning various market protection measures such as: circuit breaker, bid caps, in-city mitigation, and expanded rate correction authority

Lunch

Day 2: Afternoon Session 1:00-4:30

V. Energy Markets: Longer-term Fixes—2 hours

This session will start with a presentation by NYISO regarding the longer term changes necessary in its energy markets. Discussions can focus on the projects that will need to be in place in the longer term and whether the priorities established for these changes are reasonable. Topics include: