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The forum will be transcribed. Those interested in obtaining a copy of the transcript immediately for a fee should contact Ace-Federal Reporters, Inc. at 202-347-3700, or 1-800-336-6646. Two weeks after the forum, the transcript will be available for free on the Commission's FERRIS system.

Anyone without access to the Commission's Web site or who have questions about the forum should contact Tim Welch at 202-502-8760, or e-mail timothy.welch@ferc.gov.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD02-22-000]

Notice of Technical Conference and Agenda; Midwest Energy Infrastructure Conference

October 17, 2002.

As announced in the Notice of Conference issued on September 13, 2002, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) will hold a conference on November 13, 2002 to discuss issues regarding energy infrastructure in the midwestern states. These states include Ohio, West Virginia, Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky, Wisconsin, Illinois, Missouri, Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, and Oklahoma. This half-day conference will begin at 1 p.m. and conclude at approximately 6 p.m., and will be held

at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers, 301 East North Water Street, Chicago, Illinois (1-800-325-3535). All interested persons are invited to attend.

The conference will focus on the adequacy of the electric, gas and other energy infrastructure in the Midwest. The FERC Commissioners will attend, and the Governors and state utility commissioners of the midwestern states have been invited to participate. The goal is to identify the current state of infrastructure in the Midwest, present and future infrastructure needs, and the means for and barriers to fulfilling those needs. We look forward to an informative discussion of the issues to clarify how we can facilitate and enhance a comprehensive, collaborative approach to energy infrastructure development and reliability for the midwestern states. It is becoming increasingly clear that a well-functioning energy infrastructure is necessary to meet America's energy demands and achieve workable, competitive markets.

The conference Agenda is appended to this Notice. As indicated, the purpose of the conference is to discuss regional infrastructure issues among the panelists, and federal and state officials. It is not intended to deal with issues pending in individually docketed cases before the Commission, such as applications involving hydropower, natural gas certificates, or the formation of Regional Transmission Organizations (RTOs). Therefore, all participants are requested to address the agenda topics and avoid discussing the merits of individual proceedings.

Opportunities for Listening to and Obtaining Transcripts of the Conference

The Capitol Connection will offer this meeting live via telephone and audio on the internet for a fee. There will not be live video coverage or videotapes of the conference. For more information about Capitol Connection's services, contact David Reininger or Julia Morelli (703-993-3100), or go to <http://www.capitolconnection.org>.

Audio tapes of the meeting will be available from VISCOM (703-715-7999).

Additionally, transcripts of the conference will be immediately available from Ace Reporting Company (202-347-3700 or 1-800-336-6646), for a fee. They will be available for the public on the Commission's FERRIS system two weeks after the conference.

A reminder to please register for the conference online on the Commission Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/calendar/courses-outreach/coursesoutreach.htm>. Scroll down and

click on "Midwest Energy Infrastructure Conference". There is no registration fee.

Questions about the conference program should be directed to: Carol Connors, Office of External Affairs, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, carol.connors@ferc.gov.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Midwest Energy Infrastructure Conference

[Docket No. AD02-22-000]

Conference Agenda

Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers 301 East North Water Street Chicago, Illinois November 13, 2002

I. Opening Remarks and Introductions— 1 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Chairman Pat Wood, Commissioner Nora Mead Brownell, Commissioner William Massey and Commissioner Linda Breathitt

II. Overview of Current Energy Infrastructure 1:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

- Jeff Wright, Office of Energy Projects, FERC

III. Forecasts for Future Energy Use and Economic Impacts of Energy—1:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.

- Rick Mattoon, Senior Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago

IV. Cross Border Issues/Future Energy Relations and Energy Transfer With Canada—2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Roundtable discussion on infrastructure constraints and improvements needed in energy supply and transmission to and from our neighboring trading partner, Canada.

- Ga,tan Caron, Chief Operating Officer, National Energy Board—Canada
- Kelly Hunter, Market Access Officer, Export Power Marketing Department, Manitoba Hydro
- Dennis Prince, Vice President, Regulatory Strategy, Alliance Pipeline
- [To be announced]

V. Powering New Generation—3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Roundtable discussion of infrastructure limitations in the Midwest in the delivery and production of natural gas, electricity and renewable energy (e.g., barriers to siting, construction, and investment).

- Jim Cleary, President, ANR Pipeline Company

- Jake Williams, Vice President, Generation Development, Peabody Energy
- Carl Holmes, Kansas State Representative
- Jim Torgerson, President, Midwest Independent System Operator (MISO)

Break—4 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

VI. *New Technology*—4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

Roundtable discussion on promoting new technologies to ensure energy reliability.

- John Howe, Vice President, Electric Industry Affairs, American Superconductor
- Scott Castelaz, Vice President, Marketing and Corporate Development, Encorp
- Robert Schainker, Ph.D., EPRI
- Tracy Anderson, Business Development Manager, 3M

VII. *Discussion by State, Federal, and Canadian Officials of Next Steps and Closing Remarks by FERC Commissioners*—5:15 p.m. to 6 p.m.

- Susan Wefald, President, North Dakota Public Service Commission
- Ruth Kretschmer, Commissioner, Illinois Commerce Commission
- Diane Munns, Chairman, Iowa Utilities Board
- Jim Burg, Chairman, South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
- David Svanda, Commissioner, Michigan Public Service Commission

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PL02-9-000]

Notice of Public Conference and Agenda

October 21, 2002.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of public conference and agenda.

SUMMARY: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission will convene a public conference to engage industry members and the public in a dialogue about policy issues facing the natural gas industry today and the Commission's regulations of the industry for the future. The one-day conference will convene at 9 a.m.

DATES: October 25, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ken Niehaus, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-6398.

Natural Gas Markets Conference

[Docket No. PL02-9-000]

October 18, 2002.

1. As announced in the Notice of Conference issued September 26, 2002, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will convene a public conference on October 25, 2002, at 9:00 a.m., in the Commission Meeting Room (2C) to engage industry members and the public in a dialogue about policy issues facing the natural gas industry today and the Commission's regulation of the industry for the future. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Location

2. The conference will be held in the Commission Meeting Room. Observers will be accommodated on a space available basis, but seating will also be available in an overflow room, which will have a broadcast of the discussion. All visitors must check-in at the First Street entrance. All visitors should have picture identification readily available to ensure a quick check-in.

Participation

3. The conference consists of four sessions and an open forum. The first session consists of two panels. Panel A will present opposing views on forecasted supply/demand. Panel B, which is comprised of industry representatives, will respond to the first panel's viewpoints. Panel A participants should file written statements concerning their topics in advance to allow the Panel B participants the opportunity to formulate their responses.

4. The second session will discuss the applicability of the Commission's open season and open access requirements to LNG facilities. Proponents for LNG development will discuss concerns that the Commission's policies may interfere with the ability to capitalize necessary upstream development. The third session will focus on whether the Commission's current policies and definitions of gathering and transmission as they apply to offshore facilities help or hinder the development of offshore supply sources. The fourth session consists of two panels that will address flexibility in pipeline operations. They will discuss customer needs and how they can be met.

5. Following the session presentations, the Commission will provide an open forum to provide an opportunity for market participants and other interested persons to raise issues and make policy recommendations for Commission consideration. All open forum presentations should be limited to five minutes. A sign-up sheet for the open forum will be available the morning of the conference.

Procedures To File Comments

6. Panel participants are encouraged to file written statements concerning their topics prior to October 24, 2002. All other interested persons may file additional comments on the issues discussed at the conference, or other matters relevant to this proceeding, by November 15, 2002. Comments should include a one-page, single spaced, position summary. Comments may be filed in paper format or electronically. Those filing electronically do not need to make a paper filing. For paper filings, the original and 14 copies of such 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. PL02-9-000.

7. Comments filed via the Internet must be prepared in WordPerfect, MS Word, Portable Document Format, or ASCII format. To file the document, access the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) and click on "Make an e-filing," and then follow the instructions for each screen. First-time users will have to establish a user name and password. The Commission will send an automatic acknowledgment to the sender's e-mail address upon receipt of the comments.

8. User assistance for electronic filing is available at 202-502-8258 or by e-mail to efiling@ferc.gov. Comments should not be submitted to the e-mail address. All comments will be placed in the Commission's public files and will be available for inspection in the Commission's Public Reference Room at 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426 during regular business hours. Additionally, all written statements and comments may be viewed, printed, or downloaded remotely via Internet through FERC's Homepage using the FERRIS link. User assistance for FERRIS is available at 866-208-3676, or by e-mail at webmaster@ferc.gov.

Off-the-Record Communications

9. The purpose of this conference is to discuss generic issues and not contested cases pending before the Commission. If any comments raise specific issues concerning pending