

Paragraph 41 that price indices used in natural gas pipeline tariffs must "reflect adequate liquidity" at the point referenced in the tariff. Furthermore, in Northern Natural Gas Company, Docket No. RP03-533-000 and in Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, Docket No. RP99-176-089, the Commission directed its Staff to assess whether the price indices proposed to be used in those pipelines' tariffs reflect a level of liquidity that would ensure reliability.

In order to respond to the Commission, and to develop a basis for evaluating adequacy of liquidity in future pipeline tariff filings, staff will seek information as to what factors must be considered to evaluate available data sources of market activity at reference points. To get a better understanding of standard measurements of market activity and the reliability of price indicators, staff is holding a workshop from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, November 4, 2003, at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., in Washington, DC.

The previously held conferences and workshop in this docket addressed price indices and the reporting process, *i.e.*, the mechanisms for reporting and creating price indices. In this workshop, we intend to focus on characteristics of the underlying markets that support price discovery. How should the Commission decide if a particular market (or index point) represents sufficient activity to provide a reliable price? How can and should minimum levels of market activity required to support a reliable index be measured? What alternatives can be used in the event the underlying data is deemed inadequate?

The workshop will be in roundtable format and we request that the discussion be candid, factual and practical. We strongly encourage anyone with direct knowledge of evaluating liquidity and measuring market activity to participate actively in the workshop. This would include those who trade, manage risk, purchase and sell gas and electricity, report prices, and any others who use energy market information. A supplemental notice will be issued to provide key discussion questions on the issues to be addressed at the workshop.

The workshop is open to the public, and we would like to hear from as many as possible on these important price formation issues. It would be helpful, however, if people with a strong interest in speaking call in or e-mail their desire to participate, including name, company represented and involvement in energy market activities and price indicators, as well as the topic to be addressed. For those unable to attend in person,

teleconferencing will be available during the workshop. Details and dial-in instructions will be included in the supplemental notice.

The conference will be transcribed. Those interested in acquiring the transcript should contact Ace Reporters at 202-347-3700 or 800-336-6646. Transcripts will be placed in the public record ten days after the Commission receives them. Additionally, Capitol Connection offers the opportunity for remote listening and viewing of the conference. It is available for a fee, live over the Internet, by phone or via satellite. Persons interested in receiving the broadcast, or who need information on making arrangements should contact David Reininger or Julia Morelli at Capitol Connection (703-993-3100) as soon as possible or visit the Capitol Connection Web site at <http://www.capitolconnection.org> and click on "FERC."

For additional information please contact Jolanka Fisher, 202-502-8863 or by e-mail at Jolanka.Fisher@ferc.gov.

Linda Mitry,

Acting Secretary.

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[Docket No. RP03-489-000]

Vector Pipeline Company; Notice of Informal Settlement Conference

October 10, 2003.

Take notice that an information settlement conference will be held on October 21 and 22, 2003, at 10 a.m. at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, for the purpose of exploring the possible settlement in the above-referenced proceeding.

Any party, as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(c), or any participant as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(b), is invited to attend. Persons wishing to become a party must move to intervene and receive intervenor status pursuant to the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 385.214).

For additional information, please contact Thomas Burgess (202-502-6058), e-mail Thomas.Burgess@ferc.gov.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

October 15, 2003.

The following notice of meeting is published pursuant to section 3(a) of the Government in the Sunshine Act (Pub. L. 94-409), 5 U.S.C 552B:

AGENCY HOLDING MEETING: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

DATE AND TIME: October 22, 2003, 10 a.m.

PLACE: Room 2C, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Agenda.

*Note— Items listed on the agenda may be deleted without further notice.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Telephone: (202) 502-8400. For a recording listing items stricken from or added to the meeting, call (202) 502-8627.

This is a list of matters to be considered by the commission. It does not include a listing of all papers relevant to the items on the agenda; however, all public documents may be examined in the Reference and Information Center.

842nd Meeting, October 22, 2003; Regular Meeting, 10 a.m.

Administrative Agenda

A-1.

Docket# AD02-1, 000, Agency Administrative Matters

A-2.

Docket# AD02-7, 000, Customer Matters, Reliability, Security and Market Operations

A-3.

Docket# PL03-3, 000, Price Discovery In Natural Gas and Electric Market

Markets, Tariffs and Rates—Electric

E-1.

Docket# ER03-323, 001, Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.
Other#S ER03-323, 004, Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.

E-2.

Docket# ER03-1118, 000, Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.

E-3.

Docket# ER02-1656, 015, California Independent System Operator Corporation
Other#S EL01-68, 028, Investigation of Wholesale Rates of Public Utility Sellers of Energy and Ancillary Services in the Western Systems Coordinating Council

E-4.

Docket# RT01-2, 009, PJM Interconnection L.L.C.