

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Docket PL04-8-000]****U.S.-Canada Power System Outage Task Force; Workshop on Electric Reliability Standards; Notice of Workshop**

May 4, 2004.

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The workshop will be held at the Commission's Washington, DC headquarters, 888 First St., NE., 20426. The workshop is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. (EST) in the Commission Meeting Room, Room 2-C.

Representatives from the United States Department of Energy, Natural Resources Canada, Ontario Ministry of Energy, North American Electric Reliability Council, and related industry representatives will participate with FERC Commissioners in addressing the immediate and long-term measures that may be taken to ensure a reliable electric system, a critical element to the economic and national security of both the United States and Canada.

Selected panelists will be invited to participate in this workshop; requests to make presentations will not be entertained. All interested persons may attend.

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For more information about the conference, please contact Sarah McKinley at 202-502-8004 ([sarah.mckinley@ferc.gov](mailto:sarah.mckinley@ferc.gov)).

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*Secretary.*

**Attachment 1—U.S.-Canada Power System Outage Task Force Workshop on Electric Reliability Standards****Agenda**

- (1) Opening comments by the Governmental conveners (15 minutes)
  - Natural Resources Canada and Ontario Ministry of Energy
  - U.S. Department of Energy and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
- (2) Status of current industry standards and policies (45 minutes)
  - Content of existing standards, policies and guidelines (NERC)
  - Timing of evolution into clear, ANSI-process-adopted standards
 Invited speakers and brief opportunity for audience comments
- (3) Based on the findings and recommendations of the blackout investigation, discussion of any necessary changes in the reliability standards (60 minutes)
  - Existing topics in current standards/policies/guidelines (NERC)
  - Discussion of areas that require standards not currently covered in the NERC standards (NERC, FERC)
  - Discussion of priorities to complete or clarify the most reliability-critical issues and standards first
 Invited speakers and brief opportunity for audience comments
- (4) Timing and process for standards revision and development (60 minutes)
  - Next steps, process and schedule (NERC)
  - Any modifications needed to next steps, process and schedule given reliability needs?
  - Appropriate role for the governments and agencies
 Invited speakers from NERC and brief opportunity for audience comments
- (5) Reliability readiness audits and other issues not covered above (30 minutes)
- (6) Closing comments and commitments (20 minutes)

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