

70112. Members of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission are expected to participate, along with Entergy's State and local utility regulators.

The conference is open for the public to attend, and registration is not required; however, in-person attendees are asked to register for the conference on-line by close of business on Monday, July 26, 2004 at <http://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/entergy-0729-form.asp>.

The Commission believes that there may be issues that overlap in these proceedings which may affect the overall provision of transmission service on the Entergy System. The Commission intends that the technical conference it ordered in these dockets will enable regulators and interested parties to discuss issues raised by Entergy's various proposals in the above dockets.

The Commission asks that the participants in the technical conference address the reasonableness of Entergy's proposal in Docket No. ER04-699-000 to establish an Independent Coordinator of Transmission (ICT) to provide oversight over Entergy's transmission system as opposed to the reasonableness and feasibility of alternative arrangements to provide oversight or control over Entergy's transmission system. The Commission would like Entergy and parties to the various referenced proceedings to address the issues raised in those proceedings as they relate to the broader issue of transmission service on the Entergy System. As such, the Commission expects to discuss how the following Entergy cases pending at the Commission in relation to Entergy's ICT proposal: The Available Flowgate Capability proceeding in Docket Nos. ER03-1272-000, *et al.*; the Capacity Benefit Margin proceeding in Docket Nos. ER01-4410-000, *et al.*; and the transmission expansion pricing and Weekly Procurement Process (WPP) contained in Docket No. ER04-699-000.

The Commission would also like to consider the issues raised by Indicated Stakeholders¹ in Docket Nos. EL02-101-000, *et al.* in its filed response to the announcement of the SeTrans Sponsors that efforts to establish a Regional Transmission Organization in the Southeastern United States,

¹ The Indicated Stakeholders are: Alabama Municipal Electric Authority; Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation; ChevronTexaco; Electricities of North Carolina, Inc.; Lafayette Utilities System; Louisiana Energy and Power Authority; NRG Energy; Shell Trading Gas and Power Company; Tractebel Energy Marketing, Inc.; and Williams Power Company, Inc.

including Entergy's transmission facilities, were suspended.

The Commission expects that other issues may be added after the Commission receives comments in Docket No. ER04-699-000 and will publish an additional supplemental notice with a detailed agenda. As a preliminary matter, the general issues to be addressed at each session of the conference are discussed below.

Day One of the conference will focus on issues regarding Entergy's oversight proposal, including whether the ICT's duties and responsibilities are adequate to ensure non-discriminatory access on the Entergy Transmission System; actual independence of the ICT; independent third party administration of Entergy's OASIS; and broad Entergy System Agreement issues. Additional issues may include feasibility of SPP serving as the ICT and the possibility of Entergy joining the SPP RTO.

Day Two of the conference will focus on transmission access issues arising from Entergy's proposed WPP, participation in the WPP, the roles of the EMO, Entergy Transmission Function—Weekly Operations, re-dispatch costs and impacts on AFC. Entergy's proposed transmission pricing and expansion pricing proposal will also be discussed.

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 eLibrary (FERRIS) seven calendar days after FERC receives the transcript. Additionally, Capitol Connection offers the opportunity for remote listening of the conference via the Internet or a Phone Bridge Connection for a fee. Interested persons should make arrangements as soon as possible by visiting the Capitol Connection Web site at <http://www.capitolconnection.gmu.edu> and clicking on "FERC." If you have any questions contact David Reininger or Julia Morelli at the Capitol Connection ((703) 993-3100).

For more information about the conference, please contact Anna Cochrane at (202) 502-6357 or at anna.cochrane@ferc.gov.

Linda Mistry,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP04-36-000 and CP04-41-000]

Weaver's Cove Energy L.L.C. and Mill River Pipeline L.L.C.; Notice of Public Meeting Attendance

June 22, 2004.

On Wednesday, June 30, 2004, staff of the Office of Energy Projects (OEP) will participate in a public meeting held by State Representative Joseph N. Amaral in Tiverton, Rhode Island regarding Weaver's Cove Energy, L.L.C.'s proposed liquefied natural gas (LNG) import terminal and storage facility in Fall River, Massachusetts. The public meeting will start at 7 p.m. (e.s.t.) at the Patriot's Club (formerly the Ponta Delgada Club) on 70 Shove Street in Tiverton, Rhode Island.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. RP03-398-000, and RP04-155-000 (Consolidated)]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Informal Settlement Conference

June 21, 2004.

Take notice that an informal settlement conference will be convened in this proceeding at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426 commencing at 1 p.m. on Monday, June 28, 2004, and continuing, if necessary, at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 29, 2004 (e.s.t.), in a room to be announced later, for the purpose of exploring the possible settlement of the above-referenced dockets.

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 Kevin Frank (202) 502-8065 kevin.frank@ferc.gov, Gopal Swaminathan (202) 502-6132, gopal.swaminathan@ferc.gov, or

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[Docket No. PL04-11-000, PA04-14-000, EL04-52-000, ER03-262-009 et al., ER04-691-000 and EL04-104-000, ER04-367-000 et al., ER04-521-001 et al., ER04-375-000 et al., ER04-364-000, PL04-5-000]

Summer 2004 Reliability Workshop, Ohio Edison Company, Toledo Edison Company, Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, and Pennsylvania Power Company, Reporting by Transmission Providers on Vegetation Management Practices Related to Designated Transmission Facilities, New PJM Companies, et al., Midwest Independent Transmission, System Operator, Inc. et al., PJM Interconnection, LLC et al., PJM Interconnection, LLC, Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. et al., Commonwealth Edison Company et al., Policy Statement on Matters Related to Bulk Power System Reliability; Notice of Technical Conference

June 21, 2004.

Take notice that a technical conference will be held to address what steps have been taken to prevent a blackout reoccurrence and discuss related reliability issues in the Midwest for the Summer 2004, on Thursday, July 15, from approximately 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (eastern daylight time) at the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel, 24 Public Square, Cleveland, Ohio. Members of the Commission will attend and participate in the discussions.

The Renaissance Cleveland Hotel is holding a block of rooms for attendees at the rate of \$139 for the evening of July 14. For reservations call 1-800-HOTELS-1 or (216) 696-5600.

The conference is open for the public to attend, and registration is not required; however, in-person attendees are asked to register for the conference on-line by close of business on Thursday, July 8, at <http://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/reliability-workshop-0715-form.asp>.

A tentative agenda for this meeting is included with this notice as Attachment A. The discussion covers responses to the 2003 blackout, preparations for Summer 2004, electricity infrastructure

issues, and longer-term reliability issues. A more detailed agenda, with a list of speakers, will be published at a later time.

The meeting was established in response to an invitation by Governor Bob Taft of Ohio to convene a public forum and technical conference to address these issues. The conference will also enjoy the participation of members of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

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 eLibrary system seven calendar days after FERC receives the transcript. Additionally, Capitol Connection offers the opportunity for remote listening of the conference via Real Audio or a Phone Bridge Connection for a fee. Persons interested in making arrangements should contact David Reininger or Julia Morelli at the 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 more information about the conference, please contact Sarah McKinley at (202) 502-8004 or sarah.mckinley@ferc.gov.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

Attachment A

Agenda

9 a.m.—Opening comments: Chairman Pat Wood, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Governor Bob Taft of Ohio; Chairman Alan R. Schriber, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

9:20 a.m.—Preparations for summer 2004: First Energy, improvements to grid operations and practices, implementation of NERC recommendations; AEP, operations and summer preparation; Midwest ISO, software, operations, communications; PJM, discussion of Commonwealth Edison and AEP integration, the common market, operations and communications; TVA, operations and preparations; NERC, blackout mitigation recommendations and implementation; Vegetation Management status, speaker from NARUC or FERC; Audience Participation.

11:20 a.m.—Break.

11:40 a.m.—Midwest Infrastructure Issues (OH, MI, WI, IL, IN, KY, TN, WV). Jeff Wright, FERC—Update on Midwest electric and gas infrastructure. MISO—Midwest transmission planning, issues and prospects. Audience Participation.

12:40 p.m.—Lunch Break.

2 p.m.—Longer-Term Reliability Issues: DOE, Implementation of blackout

recommendations; NERC, Reliability readiness audits; NERC reliability standards; State-level actions—Regulators representing NARUC, Ohio, Michigan, New York, Indiana; Audience participation.

4 p.m.—Next Steps: Commitments and Recommendations: Discussion with FERC and State Regulators, DOE, and audience.

4:30 p.m.—Adjourn.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

Records Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice

June 22, 2004.

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(b), of the receipt of exempt and prohibited off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive an exempt or prohibited off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of a contested on-the-record proceeding, to deliver a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication, to the Secretary.

Prohibited communications will be included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not a part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become a part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited off-the-record communication, and may request that the Commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such a request only when it determines that fairness so requires. Any person identified below as having made a prohibited off-the-record communication shall serve the document on all parties listed on the official service list for the applicable proceeding in accordance with rule 2010, 18 CFR 385.2010.

Exempt off-the-record communications will be included in the decisional record of the proceeding, unless the communication was with a