

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. PL04-12-000]

Information Technology for Reliability and Markets; Notice of Technical Conference

July 6, 2004.

Take notice that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission will host a technical conference on Wednesday, July 14, 2004 to discuss information technology for reliability and markets. 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. and end at approximately 4 p.m. (EST) in the Commission Meeting Room, Room 2-C.

The goal of the technical conference is to discuss Reliability Coordinators' and Control Areas' use of information technology for electric bulk system reliability and markets. The Commission seeks to reduce IT costs, enhance software quality and security, and promote competition in reliability and market software development, with the desired result of enhancing grid reliability, increasing software compatibility to reduce reliability and market seams, and ultimately lowering costs to customers. Topics to be discussed will include best practices for IT management, system architecture, specific IT projects underway within the Independent System Operation/Regional Transmission Operator Council's Information Technology Committee, and progress since FERC's last software conference. A draft agenda is provided as Attachment A.

The conference is open for the public to attend, and preregistration is not required. There will be no on-line registration established for this event; on-site attendees may simply attend on the day of the event.

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 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 the Capitol Connection (703-993-3100) as

soon as possible or visit the Capitol Connection Web site at <http://www.capitolconnection.gmu.edu> and click on "FERC."

For more information about the conference, please contact Alison Silverstein at 202-502-8000 or at alison.silverstein@ferc.gov.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

Attachment A—AGENDA

- 9 a.m. Introductions
 - Alison Silverstein, FERC
- 9:10 a.m. IT Management Best Practices
 - Dave Turner, Gestalt
- 9:35 a.m. Audience Comment
- 9:45 a.m. Overview of ISO/RTO Council Information Technology Committee
 - Tom O'Brien, PJM
 - Ken Fell, NYISO
- 10:05 a.m. Common Architecture
 - Dr. Walter Fontner, NYISO
- 10:45 a.m. CIM-CME
 - Terry Saxton, Extensible Solutions
- 11:30 a.m. Audience Comment
- 12 p.m. Lunch
- 1 p.m. Cyber-Security Requirements
 - Kevin Perry, SPP or Jamey Sample, CAISO
- 1:30 p.m. Energy Management Systems
 - MISO
 - TVA
 - PJM
- 2:10 p.m. Minimum Tools and Competencies for RCs and CAs
 - Frank Macedo, FERC
- 2:40 p.m. Vendors
- 3:45 p.m. Audience Comment
- 4 p.m. Adjourn

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket Nos. ER04-688-000, ER04-689-000, ER04-690-000, and ER04-693-000]

Pacific Gas and Electric Company; Notice of Technical Conference

July 2, 2004.

Parties are invited to attend a technical conference in the above-referenced Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) proceedings on July 13-14, 2004, at the Commission's Headquarters, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The technical conference will be held in Hearing Room 3 on July 13th and Conference Room 3M2-B on July 14th. The July 13th technical conference will be held from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. (EST). The July 14th technical conference will be held from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Arrangements have been made for parties to listen to the technical conference by telephone.

The purpose of the conference is to identify the issues raised in these proceedings, develop information for use by Commission staff in preparing an order on the merits, and to facilitate any possible settlements in these proceedings. The parties will discuss, among other things, the following issues related to the unexecuted agreements filed by PG&E in the above-referenced dockets: (1) The Parallel Operations Agreement between PG&E and Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) (PG&E Original Rate Schedule FERC No. 228); (2) split-wheeling agreement; (3) the Interconnection Agreement; and (4) related issues to these agreements.

Questions about the conference and the telephone conference call arrangements should be directed to:

Julia A. Lake, Office of the General Counsel—Markets, Tariffs and Rates, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-8370, julia.lake@ferc.gov.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****Sunshine Act; Meeting**

July 21, 2004.

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: July 28, 2004, 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.