

contained in a filing it made on May 20, 2004 in Docket No. RM02-1-005.

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 Wednesday, September 22, 2004 at <http://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/wind-0924-form.asp>.

Parties interested in speaking at the conference should file their requests to speak no later than close of business on September 10, 2004. An on-line form requesting to speak is available at: <http://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/speaker-form.asp>.

Topics to be discussed at this conference may include: a discussion of the AWEA proposal; the impact of the proposal on issues of reliability; the specific requirements of small wind generators; and the technical and operational needs of other alternative technologies.

Transcripts of the conference will be available for a fee from Ace Reporting Company (202-347-3700 or 1-800-336-6646) on the next business day. 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 Bruce Poole at 202-502-8468 or at [bruce.poole@ferc.gov](mailto:bruce.poole@ferc.gov).

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*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PL04-13-000]

#### Reliability Readiness Reviews; Notice of Technical Conference

August 27, 2004.

Take notice that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission will host a

technical conference on Wednesday, September 29, 2004 to discuss Reliability Readiness Reviews that are being conducted by the North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC). 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 12:30 p.m. (EST) in the Commission Meeting Room, Room 2-C. The Commissioners may attend and participate.

The goal of the technical conference is to offer a public progress report on the Reliability Readiness Reviews conducted by NERC, in which FERC staff participated, since the August 14, 2003 blackout. Audit reports are available on the NERC Web site. The conference will report on what these reviews reveal about the overall "readiness" of the nation's reliability coordinators and control areas, and the strengths and weaknesses of the review process as implemented to date. A draft agenda is included as Attachment A to this Notice. The final agenda will be made available at a later time.

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 available for a fee from Ace Reporting Company (202-347-3700 or 1-800-336-6646) the next business day. 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 Donald Lekang at 202-502-8127, [donald.lekang@ferc.gov](mailto:donald.lekang@ferc.gov) or Sarah

McKinley at 202-502-8004, [sarah.mckinley@ferc.gov](mailto:sarah.mckinley@ferc.gov).

**Magalie R. Salas,**  
*Secretary.*

#### Attachment A

#### Reliability Readiness Reviews, September 29, 2004, Agenda

- 9 a.m.—Introductions
- 9:15 a.m.—Reliability Assessment
  - Audit Results
  - Actual Grid Performance
- 10 a.m.—Reliability/Capability Trends and Patterns
  - Tools
  - Strengths and weaknesses
  - Identifying and Institutionalizing Best Practices
- 11 a.m.—The Audit Process
  - What Worked
  - What Didn't Work
  - What's Changing
- 12 p.m.—Stakeholder and Audience Participation
- 12:30 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; ER04-693-000]

#### Pacific Gas and Electric Company; Notice of Technical Conference

August 27, 2004.

Parties are invited to attend a technical conference in the above-referenced Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) proceedings on August 31-September 1, 2004, at Commission Headquarters, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The technical conference will be held in Conference Room 3M4-A/B on both days. The August 31st technical conference will be held from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. (e.s.t.). The September 1st 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 Operation Agreement between PG&E and Western

Area Power Administration (WAPA) (PG&E Original Rate Schedule FERC No. 228), (2) the Interconnection Agreement, (3) the Wholesale Distribution Tariff Service 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](mailto:Julia.lake@ferc.gov)

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

**Records Governing Off-the Record Communications; Public Notice**

August 27, 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 cooperating agency as described by 40 CFR 1501.6, made under 18 CFR 385.2201(e)(1)(v).

The following is a list of exempt communications recently received in the Office of the Secretary. The communications listed are grouped by docket numbers. These filings are available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the eLibrary (FERRIS) link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For Assistance, please contact FERC, Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at (866)208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202)502-8659.

**Exempt**

Docket number	Date filed	Presenter or requester
1. CP04-41-000, CPO4-36-000 .....	8-18-04	Raymond E. Gallison, Jr.
2. CP04-223-000, CP04-293-000 .....	8-11-04	W. Mark Russo, Christopher M. Mulhearn.
3. CP04-391-000 .....	8-24-04	Wallace Danny Laffoon.
4. PF04-7-000 .....	8-24-04	David Swearingen.
5. Project No. 1971-079 .....	8-24-04	Michael J. Bart, P.E.
6. Project No. 1971-079 .....	8-24-04	Keith Kirkendall.
7. Project No. 1971-079 .....	8-24-04	Dorothy Mason.
8. Project No. 1971-079 .....	8-24-04	James C. Miller.
9. Project No. 1971-079 .....	8-26-04	Dorothy Mason.
10. Project No. 2064-000 .....	8-13-04	Vince Yearick.
11. Project No. 2064-000 .....	8-24-04	Steve Kartalia.
12. Project No. 12063-000 .....	8-24-04	Robert Easton.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[ER-FRL-6655-4]

**Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments**

Availability of EPA comments prepared pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental

Policy Act, as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at (202) 564-7167. An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 2, 2004 (69 FR 17403).

**Draft EISs**

*ERP No. D-FTA-J54001-UT Rating EC2, Weber County to Salt Lake City Commuter Rail Project, Proposes a Commuter Rail Transit Service with Nine Stations between Salt Lake City and Peasant View, Funding, Weber, Davis and Salt Lake Counties, UT.*

*Summary:* EPA expressed environmental concerns because the draft EIS: does not analyze a full range

of alternatives; does not disclose enough of the CWA Section 404 process, but defers the process until later; does not disclose the effects of additional diesel emissions from locomotives on air quality; and does not disclose mitigation for the preferred alternative, particularly for wetlands, riparian woodland and air quality impacts from construction.

*ERP No. D-NOA-E91015-00 Rating LO, Reef Fish Fishery Management Plan (FMP) Amendment 23, To Set Vermilion Snapper Sustainable Fisheries Act Targets and Thresholds and to Establish a Plan to End Overfishing and Rebuild the Stock, Implementation, Gulf of Mexico.*

*Summary:* EPA has no objections to the proposed action.