

the commentor a party to the proceeding. Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214).

Anyone may intervene in this proceeding based on this draft EIS. You must file your request to intervene as specified above.<sup>1</sup> You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

The draft EIS has been placed in the public files of the FERC and is available for distribution and public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference Room, 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-8371.

A limited number of copies are available from the Public Reference Room identified above. In addition, copies of the draft EIS have been mailed to Federal, State, and local agencies; public interest groups; individuals and affected landowners who requested a copy of the draft EIS; libraries; newspapers; and parties to this proceeding.

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at 1-866-208-FERC or on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search" and enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field. Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The eLibrary link on the FERC Internet Web site also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission now offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries and direct links to the documents. Go to the eSubscription link on the FERC Internet Web site.

**Linda Mitry,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD04-13-000]

#### Assessing the State of Wind Energy in Wholesale Electricity Markets; Notice of Technical Conference

November 18, 2004.

As announced in the Notice of Technical Conference issued on October 4, 2004, a technical conference will be held on December 1, 2004, to assess the state of wind energy in wholesale electricity markets. The goal of the technical conference is to explore possible policy changes that would better accommodate the participation of wind energy in wholesale markets. Members of the Commission will attend and participate in the discussion.

The conference will focus on the issues identified in the agenda, which is appended to this notice as Attachment A.

The conference will begin at 10 a.m. and end at approximately 6 p.m. (Mountain Standard Time) at the Adams Mark Denver Hotel, 1550 Court Place, Denver, Colorado. 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, November 29, 2004, at <http://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/wind-1201-form.asp>.

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 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 Sarah

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

#### Attachment A

##### Agenda

10-11 a.m.: Opening Session

- Pat Wood III, Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.
- Suedeem Kelly, Commissioner, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.
- Nora Mead Brownell, Commissioner, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.
- Bill Richardson, Governor, State of New Mexico.

11-12:30 p.m.: Overview of the Drivers and Issues to Wind Energy Participation in Wholesale Energy Markets

Panelists will discuss the current state of wind development, regulatory and policy initiatives, regional efforts and activities.

Questions intended to be addressed include:

- What is the current state of wind energy development?
- What is the potential for wind energy development?
- What are the drivers (economic, financial, technological, environmental, geographic, and legislative) of wind energy development?
- What are the overall economic challenges faced by wind developers in moving a project from paper to production?
- Are there certain issues/factors that are region-specific?
- How can wind development be viable in states that do not have a renewable portfolio mandate?

##### Panelists:

- Matthew Brown, National Conference of State Legislatures.
- Tom Kerr, Environmental Protection Agency.
- Mark Maher, PacifiCorp.
- Lee Otteni, Bureau of Land Management.
- Robert L. Sims, SeaWest Wind Power.
- Doug Larson, Western Interstate Energy Board.
- J. Charles Smith, NexGen Energy, LLC.

12:30-1:15 p.m.: Lunch

1:15-2:30 p.m.: Planning, Grid Operation and Utilization to Account for Wind and Other Emerging Technologies

Questions intended to be addressed include:

- What are the particular needs of intermittent resources, such as wind generators, and how should they be recognized and accommodated in the transmission and resource planning process?
- How can current planning practices be refocused to identify opportunities for increased utilization of the current transmission infrastructure?
- How can wind generation contribute to reserve requirements, and receive capacity credits in a capacity market?
- What are the reliability impacts of large-scale wind integration on the regional transmission grid?

<sup>1</sup> Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.

**Panelists:**

- Steve Fausett, TriSate Generation and Transmission, on behalf of National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.
- Mark Smith, Florida Power and Light.
- Mollie Lampi, New York Independent System Operator.
- David Hawkins, California Independent System Operator.
- Bob Easton, Western Area Power Administration.
- Kevin Porter, Exeter Associates.
- Bob Markee, Upper Great Plains Transmission Coalition.
- Yakout Mansour, BC Transmission Corporation.
- John Krajewski, Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska.

2:30–2:45 p.m.: Break

2:45–5 p.m.: Open Access Transmission Tariff Services and Pricing

The following session will cover issues related to the open access transmission tariffs. Panelists should address current practices, experiences, issues, near-term and longer-term solutions, and any impacts to others from potential solutions. Questions intended to be answered include:

- Can the existing pro forma tariff's transmission services (network and point-to-point), and the related ancillary services satisfy the needs of intermittent resources? What, if any, challenges and benefits do they present for intermittent resources?
- To what extent can transmission capacity reassignment address the needs of wind generation with respect to firm service availability, price, and terms?
- Can the terms and conditions of service of the pro forma tariff be modified to encourage the addition of intermittent resources to the grid, e.g., new services or changes to existing rates or services?
- Will creation of new transmission services affect the uniformity and pricing of transmission services? Are there potential subsidization issues that arise from the creation of new transmission services?
- What are the operational issues and impacts to the transmission grid and existing transmission services from the addition of wind resources, both within control areas and across multiple systems?
- Are there experiences from the natural gas pipeline industry that can be related to the needs of intermittent resources, e.g., handling of imbalance charges?

**Panelists:**

- Jim Byrne, Rocky Mountain Area Transmission Study.
- Beth Sohlt, Wind on the Wires.
- Joe Kerecman, PJM Interconnection L.L.C.
- Janie Selby, Bonneville Power Administration.
- James Caldwell, PPM Energy on behalf of American Wind Energy Association.
- Robert Kennedy, Western Area Power Administration.
- Dan Klempel, Basin Electric Power Cooperative.
- John Meyer, Reliant Energy.
- Gregory Miller, Public Service Company of New Mexico.
- John Fielder, Southern California Edison.

- Jim Blatchford, California Independent System Operator.

5–6 p.m.: Open Discussion/Closing Remarks

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[RCRA–2004–0013, FRL–7842–4]

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request: Facility Ground-Water Monitoring Requirements, EPA ICR Number 959.12, OMB Control Number 2050–0033**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that EPA is planning to submit a continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). This is a request for an existing approved collection. This ICR is scheduled to expire on January 31, 2005. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before January 25, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing docket ID number RCRA–2004–0013 to EPA online using EDOCKET (our preferred method), by e-mail to: [RCRA-docket@epa.gov](mailto:RCRA-docket@epa.gov), or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, OSWER Docket (5305T), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sara Rasmussen, Office of Solid Waste (5303W), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, (703) 308–8399, or by e-mail [rasmussen.sara@epa.gov](mailto:rasmussen.sara@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** EPA has established an official public docket for this ICR under Docket ID number RCRA–2004–0013. Documents in the official public docket are listed in the index list in EPA's electronic public docket and comment system, EDOCKET. Documents may be available either electronically or in hard copy. Electronic documents may be viewed

through EDOCKET. Hard copy documents may be viewed at the OSWER Docket in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Reading Room is (202) 566–1744, and the telephone number for the OSWER Docket is (202) 566–0270. An electronic version of the public docket is available through EDOCKET at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket>. Use EDOCKET to obtain a copy of the draft collection of information, submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select “search,” then key in the docket ID number identified above.

Any comments related to this ICR should be submitted to EPA within 60 days of this notice. EPA's policy is that public comments, whether submitted electronically or in paper, will be made available for public viewing in EDOCKET as EPA receives them and without change, unless the comment contains copyrighted material, CBI, or other information whose public disclosure is restricted by statute. When EPA identifies a comment containing copyrighted material, EPA will provide a reference to that material in the version of the comment that is placed in EDOCKET. The entire printed comment, including the copyrighted material, will be available in the public docket. Although identified as an item in the official docket, information claimed as CBI, or whose disclosure is otherwise restricted by statute, is not included in the official public docket, and will not be available for public viewing in EDOCKET.

**Title:** Facility Ground-water Monitoring Requirements, OMB Control Number 2050–0033, EPA ICR Number 0959.12, expiration date January 31, 2005.

**Abstract:** This ICR examines the ground-water monitoring standards for permitted and interim status facilities at 40 CFR parts 264 and 265, as specified. The ground-water monitoring requirements for regulated units follow a tiered approach whereby releases of hazardous contaminants are first detected (detection monitoring), then confirmed (compliance monitoring), and if necessary, are required to be cleaned up (corrective action). Each of these tiers requires collection and analysis of ground-water samples. Owners or