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o. Procedural schedule and final amendments: The application will be processed according to the following Hydro Licensing Schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

Issue Acceptance or Deficiency Letter: June 2005.

Request Additional Information: June 2005.

Notice Soliciting Final Terms and Conditions: September 2005.

Notice of the Availability of the EA: February 2006.

Ready for Commission's Decision on the Application: April 2006.

Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of the notice of ready for environmental analysis.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. AD05-11-000 and ER02-1656-000]

#### Energy Infrastructure and Investment in California and California Independent System Operator Corporation; Notice of Technical Conference

May 13, 2005.

Take notice that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in conjunction with California State agencies, will host a technical conference on Thursday, June 2, 2005, to discuss energy infrastructure and investment in California. The conference will be held in San Francisco, California. The conference is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. (p.s.t.) and end at approximately 3 p.m. A separate notice will be issued by the Commission to announce the exact location and final agenda. FERC Commissioners will attend and participate.

The purpose of the conference is for the Commission and State officials to discuss with industry representatives

the current and future state of infrastructure development and investment in California. We look forward to an informative discussion of the issues to clarify how we can facilitate and enhance a comprehensive collaborative approach to energy infrastructure development and reliability for California.

The Commission is now soliciting nominations for speakers at the technical conference. Persons wishing to nominate themselves as speakers should do so using this electronic link: <http://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/infra-06-02-speaker-form.asp>. Such nomination must be made before the close of business on May 20, 2005, so that a final agenda for the technical conference can be drafted and published.

Although registration is not a strict requirement, in-person attendees are asked to register for the conference on-line by close of business on May 31, 2005 at <http://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/infra-06-02-form.asp>.

Transcripts of the conference will be immediately available from Ace Reporting Company (202) 347-3700 or 1-800-266-6646 for a fee. They will be available for the public on the Commission's eLibrary system and on the calendar page posting for this event 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 Capitol Connection (703) 933-3100 as soon as possible or visit the Capitol Connection Web site at <http://www.capitolconnection.org> and click on "FERC."

As mentioned above, additional details on the conference, including the agenda, will be included in a supplemental notice to be issued at a later date. You are encouraged to watch for additional notices.

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

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PR05-8-000]

#### Northwest Natural Gas Company; Notice of Technical Conference

May 13, 2005.

Take notice that a technical conference will be held on Tuesday, May 24, 2005 at 1 p.m., Eastern Time, in a room to be designated at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The purpose of the conference is to address Northwest Natural Gas Company's (Northwest) section 311 petition for rate approval filed on January 18, 2005. Northwest should be prepared to discuss return on equity and operating statements issues.

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All interested parties and staff are permitted to attend. For further information please contact Aileen Roder at (202) 502-6022 or e-mail [aileen.roder@ferc.gov](mailto:aileen.roder@ferc.gov).

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7916-3]

#### Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Process for Exempting Critical Uses of Methyl Bromide

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

**ACTION:** Notice of solicitation of applications and information on alternatives

**SUMMARY:** EPA is soliciting applications for the Critical Use Exemption from the phaseout of methyl bromide for 2007 and beyond. This application process offers users of methyl bromide the opportunity to provide technical and economic information to support a "critical use" claim. Today's notice also invites interested parties to provide information on the technical and economic feasibility of methyl bromide alternatives.