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You are invited to attend any or all of the public meetings that will be held to receive comments on the draft EIS.

#### Additional Public Meeting

In addition to previously scheduled public meetings in Boise (September 7 and 8, 2006) and Weiser (September 12, 2006), Idaho, and Halfway, Oregon (September 11, 2006), FERC staff will conduct an additional public meeting in Lewiston, Idaho. The time and location of the additional meeting is as follows:

#### Lewiston, ID

*Date:* September 13, 2006.

*Time:* 7 to 9 p.m. (PDT).

*Place:* Lewiston Community Center.

*Address:* 1424 Main Street, Lewiston, ID 83501. (A parking lot is available on G Street behind the Community Center.)

At these meetings, resource agency personnel and other interested persons will have the opportunity to provide oral and written comments and recommendations regarding the draft EIS. The meetings will be recorded by a court reporter, and all statements (verbal and written) will become part of the Commission's public record for the project. These meetings are posted on the Commission's calendar located at <http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx> along with other related information.

Whether or not you attend one of these meetings, you are invited to submit written comments on the draft EIS. Comments should be filed with Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. All comments must be filed by October 3, 2006, and should reference Project No. 1971-079. Comments may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and instructions on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "e-Library" link.

The Commission staff will consider comments made on the draft EIS in preparing a final EIS for the project. Before the Commission makes a licensing decision, it will take into account all concerns relevant to the public interest. The final EIS will be part of the record from which the Commission will make its decision.

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[alan.mitchnick@ferc.gov](mailto:alan.mitchnick@ferc.gov); or Emily Carter at (202) 502-6512, [emily.carter@ferc.gov](mailto:emily.carter@ferc.gov).

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

##### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. ER06-1099-000; ER06-1099-001]

##### Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.; Notice of Technical Conference

August 25, 2006.

Take notice that the Commission will convene a technical conference on September 26, 2006, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (EST), in Hearing Room 4 at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The technical conference will address issues related to the Midwest ISO's proposed shortage and emergency procedures, as discussed in the Commission's August 4, 2006 Order in this proceeding.<sup>1</sup> Specifically the Commission directed Commission staff to examine the reserves impacted and circumstances associated with the different steps of the procedures, the development of the proxy price, the rationale for the pricing mechanism adopted, the application of market power mitigation within the process, the effects upon Revenue Sufficiency Guarantee payments, how demand response may or may not be integrated, and the effects upon reliability of the new procedures.<sup>2</sup> A report on the technical conference is due to the Commission no later than November 2, 2006.

Attached to this notice, in Attachment A, are questions to the Midwest ISO. Responses to these questions should be filed no later than September 15, 2006. The submitted information will be discussed at the technical conference and used to supplement the record. Attachment B lists topical areas that the Midwest ISO will be asked to address at the technical conference.

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<sup>1</sup> *Midwest Indep. Transmission Sys. Operator, Inc.*, 116 FERC ¶ 61,124 (2006).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at 30.

(866) 208-3372 (voice) or 202-502-8659 (TTY), or send a fax to 202-208-2106 with the required accommodations.

All intervening parties are permitted to attend. For further information please contact Laurel Hyde at (202) 502-8146 or e-mail [laurel.hyde@ferc.gov](mailto:laurel.hyde@ferc.gov) or Melissa Nimit at (202) 502-6638 or e-mail [melissa.nimit@ferc.gov](mailto:melissa.nimit@ferc.gov).

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

##### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2106-047-California]

##### Pacific Gas and Electric; Notice of Site Visit

(August 23, 2006).

On September 19 and September 20, 2006, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) Staff and Pacific Gas and Electric Company, the applicant, will conduct an on-site visit of the McCloud-Pit Project located on the McCloud and Pit Rivers in Shasta County, California. Under the Integrated Licensing Process (ILP), the Commission conducts its National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) scoping meeting within 90 days of the filing of the applicant's Notice of Intent and Pre-Application Document. A site visit is typically held in conjunction with that scoping meeting; however, scoping for this project is currently planned for October 23 and 24, 2006 and access to some project facilities may be limited by weather conditions. For this reason, the Commission will host the site visit earlier in the process. The Commission encourages all interested parties to participate in this site visit to ensure a productive scoping meeting in October 2006.

The site visit is open to the public and resource agencies. Participants are responsible for their own transportation, but car pooling is encouraged as much as possible. Some roads in upper watershed locations are unpaved and may be in poor condition—4-wheel drive is recommended, but not required. Also, portions of the tour may require hiking steep trails in remote locations, so please plan accordingly. Tour days may be long, so please bring food and water. A tentative schedule is provided below (times given are in Pacific Daylight Savings):