

This notice announces a meeting of the Methane Hydrate Advisory Committee. Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Wednesday, November 8, 2006, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Thursday, November 9, 2006, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Marriott West Loop—by the Galleria, 1750 West Loop South, Houston, TX 77027.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Edith Allison, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Oil and Natural Gas, Washington, DC 20585. Phone: 202-586-1023.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Purpose of the Committee:* The purpose of the Methane Hydrate Advisory Committee is to provide advice on potential applications of methane hydrate to the Secretary of Energy, and assist in developing recommendations and priorities for the Department of Energy, Methane Hydrate Research and Development Program.

Tentative Agenda:

Wednesday, November 8:

- Reports on key Department of Energy-supported field projects.
- Report on August Fast Track Subcommittee Meeting and Discussion of Recommendations.
- Environmental Aspects of Gas Hydrates including Barkley Canyon Hydrate Cruise.
- Report on India Expedition and Other International Cooperation.
- Discussion of Draft Methane Hydrate Five-Year Plan.

Thursday, November 9:

- Discussion of Recommendations, Methane Hydrate Five-Year Plan, and 2007 Report to Congress.
- Planning for the Future and Topics for April 2007 Methane Hydrate Advisory Committee Meeting.
- Subcommittee Meetings.
- Wrap-up and Discussion of Action Items.
- Adjourn.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. The Chairman of the Committee will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, you should contact Edith Allison at the address or telephone number listed above. You must make

your request for an oral statement at least five business days prior to the meeting, and reasonable provisions will be made to include the presentation on the agenda. Public comment will follow the 10 minute rule.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying within 60 days at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, Room 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued at Washington, DC, on September 14, 2006.

Rachel Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee, Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #1

September 13, 2006.

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric corporate filings:

Docket Numbers: EC06-160-000.

Applicants: Duquesne Light Holdings, Inc.; Duquesne Light Company; Duquesne Power, LLC; Duquesne, Keystone LLC; Duquesne Conemaugh, LLC; Monmouth energy, Inc., DQE Holdings, LLC; DQE Merger Sub, Inc.; DUET Investment Holding; GIF2-MFIT United Pty. Limited; Industry Funds Management (Nominees) Limited, as trustee of the IFM (International Infrastructure) Wholesale Trust; CLH Holdings, GP.

Description: Duquesne Light Holdings, Inc. et al. submits an application requesting authorization for merger of Merger Sub with and into DL Holdings, which will result in the Duquesne Companies becoming wholly-owned subsidiaries of Holdings.

Filed Date: 09/06/2006.

Accession Number: 20060912-0387.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, October 10, 2006.

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric rate filings:

Docket Numbers: ER05-1418-002.

Applicants: Reliant Energy Wholesale Generation, LLC.

Description: Reliant Energy Wholesale Generation, LLC submits its refund report pursuant to FERC's 7/20/06 order.

Filed Date: 08/30/2006.

Accession Number: 20060912-0376.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, September 20, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER05-1508-002.

Applicants: Interstate Power and Light Company.

Description: Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. submits an amendment to its 6/21/06 compliance filing.

Filed Date: 09/08/2006.

Accession Number: 20060912-0167.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Friday, September 29, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER06-451-009; ER06-1467-000.

Applicants: Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

Description: Southwest Power Pool, Inc. submits an errata to its 9/1/06 filing of proposed revisions to its OAT Tariff relating to its real-time energy imbalance service market etc.

Filed Date: 09/07/2006.

Accession Number: 20060912-0166.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Friday, September 22, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER06-785-002.

Applicants: Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.; Midwest ISO Transmission Owners.

Description: Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. and Midwest ISO submit revisions to the Midwest ISO Agreement pursuant to Commission's 8/11/06 order.

Filed Date: 09/08/2006.

Accession Number: 20060912-0378.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Friday, September 29, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER06-1476-000.

Applicants: Pacific Gas & Electric Company.

Description: Pacific Gas and Electric Company submits its Generator Special Facilities Agreement and a Generator Interconnection Agreement with The County of Sonoma.

Filed Date: 09/07/2006.

Accession Number: 20060912-0447.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Thursday, September 28, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER06-1482-000.

Applicants: Southern California Edison Company.

Description: Southern California Edison Co submits an amended Interconnection Facilities Agreement with Oasis Power Partners, Service Agreement 25, FERC Electric Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 6.

Filed Date: 09/11/2006.

Accession Number: 20060912-0375.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday, October 02, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER06-1485-000.

Applicants: Xcel Energy Operating Companies.

Description: Xcel Energy Services Inc on behalf Southwestern Public Service Company submits First Revised Sheet 8 et al. to FERC Electric Tariff, First Revised Volume 1, effective 11/1/06.

Filed Date: 08/31/2006.

Accession Number: 20060905-0098.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Thursday, September 28, 2006.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) on or before 5 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. It is not necessary to separately intervene again in a subdocket related to a compliance filing if you have previously intervened in the same docket. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. In reference to filings initiating a new proceeding, interventions or protests submitted on or before the comment deadline need not be served on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at <http://www.ferc.gov>. To facilitate electronic service, persons with Internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an eRegistration account using the eRegistration link. Select the eFiling link to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the intervention or protest to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St. NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The filings in the above proceedings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the appropriate link in the above list. They are also available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an eSubscription link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call

(866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-R01-OAR-2006-0226; A-1-FRL-8221-1]

Adequacy Status of Motor Vehicle Budgets in Submitted State Implementation Plan for Transportation Conformity Purposes; Maine; Maintenance Plan Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets for the Portland Maine 8-Hour Ozone Area, and the Hancock, Knox, Lincoln and Waldo Counties Maine 8-Hour Ozone Area

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of adequacy.

SUMMARY: In this notice, EPA is notifying the public that EPA has found that the 2016 motor vehicle emissions budgets in the August 3, 2006 Maine State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision are adequate for transportation conformity purposes. The submittal included MOBILE6.2 motor vehicle emissions budgets for 2016 for the Portland Maine 8-Hour Ozone Area, and the Hancock, Knox, Lincoln and Waldo Counties (Midcoast) Maine 8-Hour Ozone Area. On March 2, 1999, the DC Circuit Court ruled that budgets in submitted SIPs cannot be used for conformity determinations until EPA has affirmatively found them adequate. As a result of our finding, the Portland Maine 8-hour ozone area and the Midcoast Maine 8-hour ozone area can use the MOBILE6.2 motor vehicle emissions budgets from the submitted plan for future conformity determinations.

DATES: These motor vehicle emissions budgets are effective October 5, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donald O. Cooke, Environmental Scientist, Air Quality Planning Unit, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA New England Regional Office, One Congress Street, Suite 1100 (CAQ), Boston, MA 02114-2023, (617) 918-1668, cooke.donald@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Throughout this document, whenever "we," "us" or "our" is used, we mean EPA.

Today's notice is simply an announcement of a finding that we have

already made. EPA New England sent a letter to Maine Department of Environmental Protection on September 8, 2006, stating that the 2016 MOBILE6.2 motor vehicle emissions budgets in the August 3, 2006 State Implementation Plans (SIPs) are adequate for transportation conformity purposes. This finding will also be announced on EPA's conformity Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/stateresources/transconf/adequacy.htm>, (once there, click on "What SIP submissions has EPA already found adequate or inadequate?"). The adequate motor vehicle emissions budgets (MVEBs) are provided in the following table:

ADEQUATE MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSIONS BUDGETS

	VOC (tons per summer day)	NO _x (tons per summer day)
Year 2016 MVEBs for the Portland 8-hour Ozone Area	16.659	32.837
Year 2016 MVEBs for the Midcoast 8-hour Ozone Area	3.763	6.245

Transportation conformity is required by section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act. EPA's conformity rule requires that transportation plans, programs, and projects conform to state air quality implementation plans and establishes the criteria and procedures for determining whether or not they do. Conformity to a SIP means that transportation activities will not produce new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay timely attainment of the national ambient air quality standards.

The criteria by which we determine whether a SIP's motor vehicle emission budgets are adequate for conformity purposes are outlined in 40 CFR 93.118(e)(4). Please note that an adequacy review is separate from EPA's completeness review, and it also should not be used to prejudice EPA's ultimate approval of the SIP. Even if we find a budget adequate, the SIP could later be disapproved.

We have described our process for determining the adequacy of submitted SIP budgets in a May 14, 1999 memorandum entitled "Conformity Guidance on Implementation of March 2, 1999 Conformity Court Decision." Additional guidance on EPA's adequacy