

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

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

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

September 15, 2006.

On August 25, 2006 the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission issued a notice to 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.

This supplemental notice is to announce that the conference will be transcribed. A transcript of the conference will be immediately available from Ace Reporting Company (202) 347-3700 or (800) 336-6646 for a fee. It will be available to the public on the Commission's eLibrary system seven calendar days after the Commission receives the transcript.

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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 7, 2006 (71 FR 17845).

Draft EISs

EIS No. 20060086, ERP No. D-BLM-J01080-WY, Pit 14 Coal Lease-by-Application Project, Black Butte Coal Mine, Surface Mining Operations, Federal Coal Lease Application WYW160394, Sweetwater County, WY.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about increased fugitive dust emissions, and suggested a mitigation strategy of moving the coal hopper, conveyor and coal loading area closer to the proposed project area. Also, EPA requested that the final EIS discuss the range of mercury concentrations found in Black Butte coal and compare this concentration with other coal mined in Wyoming and the United States. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20060273, ERP No. D-RUS-J03019-MT, Highwood Generating Station, 250-megawatt Coal Fired Power Plant and 6MW of Wind Generation at a Site near Great Falls, Construction and Operation, Licenses Permit, U.S. Army COE Section 10 Permit, Cascade County, MT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about visibility impairment in Class 1 Wilderness Areas, impacts to wetlands, and aquifers, and recommended consideration of innovative coal combustion power generation technologies. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20060287, ERP No. D-AFS-J65467-MT, Little Belt-Castle-North Half Crazy Mountains Travel Management Plan, To Change the Management of Motorized and Non-motorized Travel on the Road, Trails, and Areas within, Belt Creek, Judith, Musselshell, and White Sulphur Springs Ranger Districts, Lewis and Clark National Forest, Cascade, Judith Basin, Meagher, Wheatland, Sweetgrass and Park Counties, MT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about potential adverse impacts to water quality, fisheries, and wildlife from roads and motorized uses, and suggested that the preferred alternative include greater commitment of resources to road/trail maintenance to reduce risks to water quality and fisheries. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20060296, ERP No. D-AFS-K65315-CA, South Yuba Canal Maintenance Project, Hazardous Trees Removal, Implementation, Tahoe National Forest, Nevada County, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about potential impacts to air quality, water quality and supply, and requested additional information regarding these matters

such as erosion, sedimentation, mitigation and monitoring. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20060308, ERP No. D-FTA-G40191-TX, Southeast Corridor Project, Proposed Fixed-Guideway Transit System, Funding, Metropolitan Transit Authority (METRO) of Harris County, Houston, Harris County, TX.

Summary: EPA does not object to the proposed action. Rating LO.

EIS No. 20060309, ERP No. D-NOA-L91027-00, Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan, Proposed Acceptable Biological Catch and Optimum Yield Specifications and Management Measures for the 2007-2008 Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery and Amendment 16-4 Rebuilding Plans for Seven Depleted Pacific Coast Groundfish Species, WA, OR and CA.

Summary: EPA does not object to the proposed actions. Rating LO.

EIS No. 20060312, ERP No. D-AFS-K65316-CA, SPI Road Project, Construction of an Access Road Across National Forest Land, Special Use Permit, Six Rivers National Forest, Lower Trinity Ranger District, Trinity County, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about impacts to air quality, water quality, fish and wildlife, and recommended selection of Alternative 4 Helicopter Access, if it is practicable. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20060229, ERP No. DR-FHW-G40180-TX, Grand Parkway (State Highway 99) Updated Information, Segment F-2 from SH 249 to IH 45, Right-of-Way Permit and U.S. Army COE Section 404 Permit, Harris County, TX.

Summary: EPA does not object to the proposed project. Rating LO.

EIS No. 20060290, ERP No. DS-NRC-D03004-VA, Early Site Permit (ESP) at the North Anna Power Station ESP Site (TAC No. MC1128), New and Updated Information, Construction and Operation, NUREG-1811, Louisa County, VA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about impacts on the water resources, the lack of information on wetland and stream impacts, and the affects on the downstream communities. Rating EC2.

Final EISs

EIS No. 20060097, ERP No. F-AFS-J67932-CO, Dry Fork Federal Coal Lease-by-Application (COC-67232), Leasing Additional Federal Coal Lands for Underground Coal Resource, Special-Use-Permits and U.S. Army COE Section 404 Permit,