

o. 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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Technical Conference and Extension of Comment Date

October 9, 2007.

Direct Energy Services, LLC, Docket No. RC07-4-000.

Sempra Energy Solutions LLC, Docket No. RC07-6-000.

Strategic Energy, L.L.C., Docket No. RC07-7-000.

Take notice that on October 12, 2007, a technical conference will be held at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to discuss appeals of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation's (NERC) compliance registry determinations regarding Direct Energy Services, LLC (Direct), Sempra Energy Solutions LLC (Sempra) and Strategic Energy, L.L.C. (Strategic). This technical conference was established in an Order Establishing Technical Conference in the above dockets, issued September 26, 2007.<sup>1</sup> It will be held at the headquarters of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC from 11 a.m.–2 p.m. (EST).

The technical conference will consist of a discussion between Commission staff and representatives of NERC and ReliabilityFirst Corporation (ReliabilityFirst). Direct, Sempra and Strategic are also invited to participate. The primary question to be addressed is whether NERC has adequately justified its determination that ReliabilityFirst properly registered Direct, Sempra and Strategic as load-serving entities (LSEs). NERC and ReliabilityFirst will be asked to address issues concerning the decision to register Direct, Sempra and Strategic, including but not limited to: the nature and extent of any gap in reliability that may result from their not being registered as an LSE; the circumstances within the ReliabilityFirst region that justify their registration as LSEs, while other Regional Entities have registered retail

power marketers only as purchasing-selling entities; the identification of the Reliability Standard requirements that would apply to a retail power marketer registered as an LSE; support for the conclusions (i) that the loads served by Direct, Sempra and Strategic are directly connected to the Bulk-Power System and (ii) that retail power marketers within the ReliabilityFirst region, in the aggregate, impact Bulk-Power System reliability; and alternative solutions for addressing any reliability gaps that may be identified.

The conference is open for the public to attend. The conference will not be transcribed and telephone participation will not be available.

The Commission will accept written comments on the discussion at this technical conference no later than 5 p.m. Eastern Time on October 29, 2007. Further, in notices of filing issued September 17, 2007, in the above-captioned dockets, the Commission set an October 11, 2007 comment date for the submission of interventions, comments and protests. The Commission is extending the comment date for the submission of interventions, comments and protests in the above-captioned dockets until October 29, 2007, to coincide with the comment due date for comments on the discussion at the technical conference.

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For more information about this conference, please contact: Sarah McKinley, Office of External Affairs, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, (202) 502-8004, [sarah.mckinley@ferc.gov](mailto:sarah.mckinley@ferc.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

**Docket No. AD07-13-000**

#### Conference on Enforcement Policy; Second Notice of Conference

October 4, 2007.

As announced in the "First Notice of Conference on Enforcement," issued on

July 11, 2007, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) will hold a conference on November 16, 2007, to examine the implementation of its enforcement authority as expanded by the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAAct 2005).<sup>1</sup> The conference will be held in the Commission Meeting Room at the Commission's headquarters located at 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The purpose of the conference is to assess the enforcement program implemented by the Commission during the first two years after passage of EPAAct 2005 primarily as it pertains to the additional subject matter authority and the expanded civil penalty authority in Part II of the Federal Power Act<sup>2</sup> and the Natural Gas Act.<sup>3</sup>

The tentative schedule and topics for the conference are as follows:

9 a.m.–9:30 a.m.—Opening Remarks  
9:30 a.m.–11 a.m.—First Panel—*The First Two Years of EPAAct Enforcement*  
11 a.m.–11:10 a.m.—Break  
11:10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.—Second Panel—*How Enforcement Fits into the Commission's Mission*  
12:30 p.m.–1:30 p.m.—Lunch break  
1:30 p.m.–3 p.m.—Third Panel—*Enforcement of Reliability Standards*  
3 p.m.–3:15 p.m.—Closing Remarks

The first panel will focus on an overview of enforcement from a broad policy perspective, including how the Commission balances a firm approach to enforcement of its major rules, regulations, and orders with fair treatment of all persons that may be subject to remedies and sanctions for their conduct. The discussion will examine how the Commission can best achieve compliance with regulatory requirements, and will address how the Commission evaluates enforcement cases, including self-reported violations and matters that result in no penalty, and how companies subject to investigation can best respond to the Commission.

The second panel will focus on how entities relate to the Commission in light of the newly enhanced EPAAct 2005 enforcement authority and the Commission's ongoing regulatory functions. The discussion will examine when companies should direct inquiries or problems to the Office of Enforcement and when they should be directed to other Commission program offices. The Commission is interested in how well the Commission responds to matters that involve regulatory policy as well as having enforcement aspects. In

<sup>1</sup> *Direct Energy Services, LLC, et al.*, 120 FERC ¶ 61,280 (2007).

<sup>2</sup> Pub. L. 109-58, 119 Stat. 594 (2005).

<sup>3</sup> 16 U.S.C. § 7971a *et seq.* (2000).

<sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. § 717 *et seq.* (2000).

addition, the discussion will focus on the relationship between the Commission's audit functions and enforcement activity and whether the No-Action Letter program<sup>4</sup> is useful in obtaining guidance on potential enforcement issues.

The third panel will focus on reliability issues. With the new responsibilities given to the Commission by EPCA 2005 with respect to the reliability of the nation's bulk power system, the Commission has approved numerous reliability standards that now are mandatory, and has authorized an enforcement mechanism through Regional Entities and the Electric Reliability Organization (ERO). This discussion will look at how the Regional Entities and the ERO are processing self-reported violations and other compliance matters, and will address emerging practical issues of enforcement as well as the Commission's own authority to enforce mandatory reliability standards and its interest in the most effective way to achieve compliance with the standards.

A further notice will be issued before the conference to finalize the conference format and schedule. The Commission anticipates that it will also issue background material to assist in framing the discussion. Also, we note that the following topics will not be discussed as they are involved in or implicated by pending Commission proceedings: standards of conduct, market monitoring, transparency, and market manipulation.

To ensure adequate time to engage in a meaningful dialog, participants on each panel will be limited to four or five people. Anyone interested in participating as a panelist may contact Anna Cochrane, Deputy Director of the Office of Enforcement, by e-mail at [anna.cochrane@ferc.gov](mailto:anna.cochrane@ferc.gov) or by phone at (202) 502-8100.

As previously noted, all interested persons are invited to attend the conference, and there is no registration fee to attend. The conference will not be transcribed but will be web cast. A free web cast of this event will be available through <http://www.ferc.gov>. Anyone with Internet access who desires to view this event can do so by navigating to <http://www.ferc.gov>'s Calendar of Events and locating this event in the Calendar. The event will contain a link to its web cast. The Capitol Connection provides technical support for the web casts and offers access to the meeting via phone bridge for a fee. If you have any

questions, you may visit <http://www.CapitolConnection.org> or contact Danelle Perkowski or David Reininger at 703-993-3100.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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#### Gulf Crossing Pipeline Company, LLC; Gulf South Pipeline Company, L.P.; Notice of Applicant Meeting

October 5, 2007.

On October 11, 2007, the Office of Energy Projects (OEP) staff will meet with representatives of Gulf Crossing Pipeline Company, LLC (Gulf Crossing); co-applicant in the above referenced dockets.

Gulf Crossing requests the meeting to discuss the possible reconfiguration of some of the compressor stations proposed in the Gulf Crossing Project. Gulf Crossing will present details of, and reasons for, the possible modification to its certificate application. Gulf Crossing and OEP Staff will discuss the proposed timing of the amendment to the certificate application and any impact to the project schedule.

For additional information, please contact the Commission's Office of External Affairs at 1-866-208-FERC.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

**[Docket No. AD07-15-000]**

#### State of the Natural Gas Industry Conference; Notice of Commission Conference

October 5, 2007.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission will hold a conference on November 6, 2007, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (EST), in the Commission Meeting Room on the second floor of the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC.

All interested persons may attend; there is no registration and no fee.

The conference will provide the Commission the opportunity to hear from knowledgeable industry experts and discuss the challenges facing the natural gas industry and its customers. A future notice will provide greater detail.

Transcripts of the conference will be immediately available from Ace Reporting Company (202-347-3700 or 1-800-336-6646) for a fee. Additionally, Capitol Connection offers the opportunity for remote listening and viewing of the conference. It is available for a fee, live over the Internet, by phone, or via satellite. Persons interested in receiving the broadcast, or who need information on making arrangements should contact David Reininger or Julia Morelli at the Capitol Connection (703-993-3100) as soon as possible or visit the Capitol Connection Web site at <http://www.capitolconnection.gmu.edu> and click on "FERC."

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<sup>4</sup> Informal Staff Advice on Regulatory Requirements, 113 FERC ¶ 61,174 (2005), as modified by 117 FERC 61,069 (2006).