

time allowed for protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to section 7 of the NGA.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests, and interventions via the Internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-Filing" link.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM11-2-000]

#### Smart Grid Interoperability Standards; Notice of Technical Conference

October 22, 2010.

Take notice that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) will convene a conference on November 14, 2010, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Eastern time in conjunction with the NARUC/FERC Collaborative on Smart Response (Collaborative), in the International D Ballroom at the Omni Hotel at CNN Center in Atlanta, GA. The technical conference will be open to the public and advance registration is not required. The Commission is holding this conference together with a number of State regulatory authorities that also are considering the adoption of Smart Grid Interoperability Standards (Standards) in their States.

On October 6, 2010, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) informed the Commission by letter of the posting of several groups of Standards which NIST identified as ready for consideration by regulators. Commissioners from State public utility commissions and the Commission will receive briefings on the first set of Standards posted by NIST at the technical conference.

Interested regulators may consider these Standards because they include emerging technology standards that may affect all electric facilities including generation, transmission, and distribution facilities as well as metering and communications at all levels. This technical conference provides an opportunity for both the Commission and interested State

regulatory authorities to hear directly from NIST and others involved in the standards development process. The Commission will issue an agenda at a later date.

Transcripts of the technical conference will be made available. Instructions for obtaining transcripts will be published at a later date.

Prior to the technical conference other topics will be discussed by the Collaborative. Visit NARUC's Web site, <http://annual.narucmeetings.org/>, for detailed information on the agenda for that portion of the meeting, which begins at 8:15 a.m. Following the technical conference, from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., the Collaborative will hold an informal, off-the-record discussion about the Standards, the Standards setting process, and the issues that their adoption may present. These portions of the meeting will also be open to the public, but will not be recorded.

Commission conferences are accessible under section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For accessibility accommodations, please send an e-mail to [accessibility@ferc.gov](mailto:accessibility@ferc.gov) or call toll free (866) 208-3372 (voice) or (202) 208-1659 (TTY), or send a FAX to (202) 208-2106 with the required accommodations.

For more information about this conference, please contact Sandra Waldstein at (202) 502-8092 or [sandra.waldstein@ferc.gov](mailto:sandra.waldstein@ferc.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD10-7-000]

#### ILP Effectiveness Evaluation 2010; Additional Notice of Multi-Stakeholder Technical Conference on the Integrated Licensing Process

October 21, 2010.

As announced in the May 18, 2010, "Notice of Interviews, Teleconferences, Regional Workshops And Multi-Stakeholder Technical Conference On The Integrated Licensing Process," a technical conference will be held on November 3, 2010, from 11 a.m. (EST) to 3 p.m. (EST) in the Commission Meeting Room at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. While we encourage interested parties

to attend the technical conference in person, a limited number of phone lines will be available on a first-come-first-serve basis for interested parties to participate via teleconference. If you would like to participate via teleconference, e-mail Stephanie Obadia at [sobadia@kearnswest.com](mailto:sobadia@kearnswest.com) by October 29, 2010 to receive the toll-free telephone number and password to join the teleconference. Also, please register to attend the technical conference by e-mailing Stephanie Obadia at [sobadia@kearnswest.com](mailto:sobadia@kearnswest.com) by October 29, 2010.

For more information about this conference, please contact David Turner at (202) 502-6091 or [david.turner@ferc.gov](mailto:david.turner@ferc.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD11-2-000]

#### Transmission Vegetation Management Practices; Supplemental Notice of Technical Conference

October 21, 2010.

On October 5, 2010 the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission announced that a Technical Conference on Transmission Vegetation Management Practices would be held on Tuesday, October 26, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. This staff-led conference will be held in the Commission Meeting Room at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The conference will be open for the public to attend and advance registration is not required. Members of the Commission may attend the conference.

Attached is an agenda for this meeting. The conference will be Webcast. Anyone with Internet access who desires to listen to 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 the webcast. The Capitol Connection provides technical support for webcasts and offers the option of listening to the meeting via phone-bridge for a fee. If you have any questions, visit <http://www.CapitolConnection.org> or call 703-993-3100.

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Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For accessibility accommodations, please send an e-mail to [accessibility@ferc.gov](mailto:accessibility@ferc.gov) or call toll free 1-866-208-3372 (voice) or 202-208-1659 (TTY), or send a FAX to 202-208-2106 with the required accommodations.

For more information about this conference, please contact: Sarah McKinley, Office of External Affairs, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-8368, [sarah.mckinley@ferc.gov](mailto:sarah.mckinley@ferc.gov).

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

### Technical Conference on Transmission Vegetation Management Practices

Docket No. AD11-2-000

October 26, 2010

#### Agenda

##### 1 p.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks

The purpose of the conference is to discuss current vegetation management programs and practices as required under the Commission-approved Reliability Standard FAC-003-1—Transmission Vegetation Management Program (TVMP).<sup>1</sup> Reliability Standard FAC-003-1 applies to all transmission lines operated at 200 kV and above, and to lower voltage lines designated as “critical to the reliability of the electric system in the region.”<sup>2</sup>

Certain landowners and other affected parties have raised concerns about changes in vegetation management practices that utilities implemented following adoption of FAC-003-1. Because reliability of the Bulk-Power System is critical, the Commission is interested in obtaining a better understanding of the scope of any changes in vegetation management practices since FAC-003-1 was approved as mandatory and enforceable, and the extent to which such changes resulted from the requirements imposed under FAC-003-1. The Commission is also interested in obtaining a better understanding of the range of vegetation management practices used by transmission owners, and the reasons for selecting a given practice over alternatives.

##### Panelists (for Both Panels)

David Morrell—Utility Environmental Analyst, New York Public Service Commission.

<sup>1</sup> See *Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk-Power System*, Order No. 693, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,242, at P 695-735; *Order on reh'g*, Order No. 693-A, 120 FERC ¶ 61,053 at P 95-99 (2007).

<sup>2</sup> Reliability Standard FAC-003-1, section A.4.3.

Robert Novembri—Senior Event Investigator, North American Electric Reliability Corporation.  
Randall H. Miller—Director, Vegetation Management, PacifiCorp.  
David E. Schleicher, PE—Vice President—Transmission, PPL Electric Utilities.  
Derek Vannice—Executive Director, Utility Arborist Association, International Society of Arboriculture.  
Charles Goodman—Co-Founder, Indiana Tree Alliance.  
Mark Gilliland—Chairperson, LORAX Working Group, Greenburgh Environmental Forum.  
Representative from another State public service commission (invited).

1:10 p.m. Session 1—This session will explore the requirements and impact of mandatory Reliability Standard FAC-003-1.

- What is required by Reliability Standard FAC-003-1? What is its purpose? Who must comply and what facilities are subject to it?
- Are there corresponding or conflicting vegetation management requirements at the State level? How are such requirements developed and to what facilities do they apply?
- What are common methods used for vegetation management, and what are the benefits of each method?
- Why do utilities choose one method over another? Cost, benefit of one method over another, or for other reasons?
- What's contained in a typical TMVP? Are there different types of TVMPs so that a utility might have one for FAC-003-1 compliance and another for compliance with State/local vegetation management requirements? How is a TVMP created, implemented, and approved?
- What effect did mandatory Reliability Standard FAC-003-1 have on vegetation management practices? Was there a change in vegetation management practices post-June 18, 2007?
- Questions from Staff.

##### 3 p.m. Break

3:15 p.m. Session 2—This session will focus on Right of Way (ROW) agreements and landowner concerns and possible solutions.

- What provisions are typically contained in a electric transmission line ROW agreement (e.g., common provisions, rights and obligations of the utility and landowner)? How are these agreements developed/negotiated? Who has jurisdiction over them? Who is the arbiter of any disputes?
- Concerns raised by landowners regarding ROW maintenance, causes of

disputes that say the utility blamed FERC for having to clear cut the right of way and remove trees that had long been in place.

- Landowner avenues for relief; can a landowner prevent ROW maintenance?
- Costs for vegetation management and who bears them? Are any such costs recovered in transmission tariffs subject to the Commission's jurisdiction? How are they reviewed by State PSC/PUCs?
- What is the impact, if any, of vegetation management practices on the siting of new (or upgraded) transmission lines? How can this impact be mitigated?
- Questions from Staff.
- Questions from the public.

##### 4:45 Concluding Remarks

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### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Federal Implementation Plans Under the Clean Air Act for Indian Reservations in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that EPA is planning to submit a request to renew an existing approved Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). This ICR is scheduled to expire on May 31, 2011. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before December 28, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-R10-OAR-2010-0858, by one of the following methods:

- <http://www.regulations.gov>: Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments;
- E-mail: [spenillo.justin@epa.gov](mailto:spenillo.justin@epa.gov);
- Fax: (206) 553-0110;
- Mail: Justin A Spenillo, Environmental Protection Agency