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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Open Meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an open meeting of the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that agencies publish these notices in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: May 19, 2011, 9 a.m.–2:15 p.m.; May 20, 2011, 8:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Crystal City Marriott, 1999 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laura McCann, Designated Federal Officer, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585; *Telephone:* (202) 586-7766; *E-mail:* laura.mccann@ee.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of Committee: To provide advice and guidance that promotes research and development leading to the production of biobased fuels and biobased products.

Tentative Agenda: Agenda will include the following:

- Update on USDA Biomass R&D Activities

- Update on DOE Biomass R&D Activities

- Presentation from EPA on Renewable Fuel Standards

- Panel on Catalyst-based Conversation Technologies

- Presentation on DOE and USDA Loan Guarantee Programs

Public Participation: The Committee welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings. Individuals who wish to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda should contact Laura McCann at the telephone number or email listed above. Requests must be received at least five business days prior

to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation on the agenda. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign up at the beginning of the meeting. The Chair is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting will be available for public review and copying at the following Web site: <http://biomassboard.gov/committee/meetings.html>.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER11-2256-000]

California Independent System, Operator Corporation; Supplemental Notice of Agenda and Discussion Topics for Staff Technical Conference

This notice establishes the agenda and topics for discussion at the technical conference to be held on April 28, 2011 to discuss issues related to California Independent System Operator Corporation's (CAISO) Capacity Procurement Mechanism (CPM) compensation methodology and exceptional dispatch mitigation provisions.¹ The technical conference will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (EDT) in the Commission Meeting Room at the Commission's headquarters, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC. The technical conference will be led by Commission staff. All interested parties are invited to attend, and registration is not required.

The topics and related questions to be discussed during this conference are attached. The purpose of the technical conference is to provide Commission staff and interested parties an opportunity to discuss the CPM compensation methodology and exceptional dispatch mitigation in detail with CAISO. No formal presentations will be made other than an opening presentation by CAISO; however, parties will be encouraged to participate

¹ *Cal. Indep. Sys. Operator Corp.*, 134 FERC ¶ 61,211 at P2 (2011).

in the discussion along with Commission staff. Parties may also file questions or potential discussion topics in the docket prior to the technical conference. Any such filings will be for discussion purposes only. All parties are invited to file written comments following the technical conference.

A free webcast of this event is available through <http://www.ferc.gov>. Anyone with Internet access who desires to view this event can do so by navigating to www.ferc.gov's Calendar of Events and locating this event in the calendar. The event will contain a link to its webcast. The Capitol Connection provides technical support for the free webcasts. It also offers access to this event via television in the DC area and via phone bridge for a fee. If you have any questions, visit <http://www.CapitolConnection.org> or call (703) 993-3100. Parties attending the conference via webcast will have the opportunity to submit questions during the conference via e-mail at Kathryn.ohare@ferc.gov.

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For more information on this conference, please contact Kathryn Hoke at Kathryn.hoke@ferc.gov or (202) 502-8404, or Colleen Farrell at Colleen.farrell@ferc.gov or (202) 502-6751.

Dated: April 13, 2011.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

Agenda for the CAISO CPM Compensation Methodology and Exceptional Dispatch Mitigation Technical Conference

April 28, 2011

Opening Remarks

9 a.m.–9:15 a.m. Greeting and Opening Remarks

9:15 a.m.–10 a.m. Opening presentation presented by CAISO

Discussion

Each of the following discussions will be led by Commission Staff, with questions on each topic to be raised by staff and interested parties in attendance. No party should expect to make any formal presentation during these discussions; however, parties should plan to participate in topics of specific interest. Staff's objective is to

obtain new information on each of these topics that is not yet in the record for this proceeding. Please note that although we have allotted the entire morning session to discussion of the CPM compensation methodology, we will move on to discussion of exceptional dispatch mitigation as soon as the compensation discussion is concluded.

10 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Discussion on the CPM Compensation Methodology

- Whether the proposed going-forward formula for CPM compensation continues to be appropriate.
- Whether and how CPM compensation should change in response to changes in supply and demand so that the CPM continues to ensure appropriate compensation to non-resource adequacy resources that provide reliability services similar to those provided by resource adequacy resources.
- Whether and how CPM compensation should respond to localized scarcity conditions; please evaluate the challenges and benefits of implementing CPM scarcity pricing.
- Given that resource adequacy resources are currently procured through bilateral contracting, whether and how CPM compensation should replicate bilateral market results.
- Please discuss the feasibility and appropriateness of using a mechanism such as a demand curve to allow the price of CPM capacity to rise during times of supply shortages.
- Other than a demand-curve based compensation mechanism, how could the CPM compensation methodology be modified to better respond to changing market conditions (*i.e.*, fluctuations in supply and demand over time); please discuss the challenges and benefits of any such approach.
- Whether different categories of CPM designations, including resources selected on the basis of specific operating characteristics and resources designated as at risk of retirement, should be compensated differently.
- What role the CPM should play in sending price signals for demand response.
- How demand response will play a role in the CPM and/or exceptional dispatch consistent with Order No. 719 (*e.g.* criteria for selecting demand response resources for CPM designations or exceptional dispatch instructions).

12:30 p.m.–1:15 p.m. Lunch break

1:15 p.m.–3:45 p.m. Discussion on Exceptional Dispatch Mitigation

- Whether and how CAISO's efforts towards reducing the frequency and volume of exceptional dispatches have affected the potential for exceptionally dispatched resources to exercise market power.
- Whether CAISO's non-competitive path assessment remains a reliable indicator of the need for exceptional dispatch mitigation in light of protesters' assertions that the competitive path assessment over-classifies paths as non-competitive.
- Whether or how changes over the past two years, such as an increase in the number of resources available in the delta dispatch, have resulted in a reduction in the ability of any single resource to exercise market power in relation to the delta dispatch restrictions.
- Whether there is data or, alternatively, detailed specific theoretical scenarios, that demonstrate with some type of regularity or predictability the potential for resources that are exceptionally dispatched in relation to non-competitive constraints or delta dispatch to exercise market power.

3:45 p.m.–4 p.m. Closing Remarks

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP11–159–000]

Perryville Gas Storage LLC; Notice of Amendment

Take notice that on March 30, 2011, Perryville Gas Storage LLC (Perryville), Three Riverway, Suite 1350, Houston, Texas 77056, filed in the above referenced docket an application under section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations for an order amending the certificate of public convenience and necessity issued in Docket No. CP09–418–000 to authorize Perryville to make certain changes to its certificated project, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208–3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502–8659.

Perryville proposes to increase its working gas capacity in each cavern by 2.5 billion cubic feet (Bcf) each. Perryville also proposes to drill three freshwater supply wells, six brine disposal wells, and eight monitor wells. Perryville additionally seeks reaffirmation of its previously granted authorization to charge market-based rates for its storage and hub services, as well as the various waivers granted in the order issuing certificate.

Any questions concerning this application may be directed to J. Gordon Pennington, Attorney at Law, 2707 N. Kensington St., Arlington, VA 22207, at (703) 533–7638 or by e-mail at Pennington5@verzion.net.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: Complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding; or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS or EA.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date stated below, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit seven copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.