

The application will be processed according to the following milestones, some of which may be combined to expedite processing:

Notice of application has been accepted for filing

Notice soliciting final terms and conditions

Notice of the availability of the NEPA document

Order issuing the Commission's decision on the application

Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 45 days from the issuance date of the notice soliciting final terms and conditions.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD02-14-000]

Conference on Emergency Reconstruction of Interstate Natural Gas Infrastructure; Notice of Conference

April 2, 2002.

On April 22, 2002 at 9 a.m. in the Commission Meeting Room (2C), staff from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) and from the Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) of the Department of Transportation will convene a technical conference to begin discussions with interested parties on whether and how to clarify, expedite and streamline permitting and approvals for interstate pipeline reconstruction in the event of disaster, whether natural or otherwise.

Commission and OPS staff will provide an overview of their current regulatory processes and recent experiences for dealing with emergency situations. Additionally, Commission and OPS staff will facilitate discussions on possible approaches to expedite permitting emergency reconstruction of natural gas facilities. Other participants, including relevant Federal agencies and representatives of industry, will describe their responsibilities and present their views.

In order to more clearly focus the discussion at the technical conference, other potential presenters should consider the following questions and present their responses at the conference:

- What industry practices exist to respond to incidents of intentional or accidental damage? Does the industry need additional flexibility to respond to such incidents? What are the antitrust implications of pipeline companies coordinating construction and operations to restore service?

- What existing state processes are there which may be useful to coordinate emergency responses across a diffuse community of industry and regulatory interests?

- Are there any existing regulations and authorities that could be relied on to facilitate rerouting or reconstruction in the event of an emergency? Are these sufficient to ensure that reconstructed facilities are placed in service as expeditiously as possible? If not, what changes may be warranted? Are modifications to, or waivers of, regulatory requirements called for?

- How can compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) be assured and expedited? Can a generic public interest/national security finding be made that avoids case-specific environmental assessment in order to permit a pipeline company to commence immediate construction?

- In the event of an emergency, what agency should take the lead? What government entity makes the determination that a particular incident constitutes an emergency, and what are the implications of this? How will agencies cooperate on needed actions and authorizations to ensure rapid reconstruction and restoration of service? What are the roles of other agencies, State and local governments, and the regulatory authorities in Canada and Mexico?

- Should the Commission have the authority to compel construction in certain emergency circumstances? Should companies be compelled to construct redundant facilities for certain high-risk/high-profile targets? Who should pay for any compelled construction?

We will issue further details on the conference, including the agenda and a list of participants, as plans evolve. For additional information, please contact Carol Connors in the Office of External Affairs at carol.connors@ferc.gov.

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[Docket No. AD02-15-000]

Conference on Emergency Reallocation of Natural Gas; Notice of Conference

April 2, 2002.

On April 23, 2002 at 9 a.m. in the Commission Meeting Room (2C), staff from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) and from the Department of Energy (DOE) will convene a technical conference to begin discussions with interested parties on whether and how to clarify, expedite and streamline processes for reallocating natural gas among shippers, pipelines, and local distribution companies (LDCs) in today's non-vertically integrated industry in the event of a disaster, whether natural or otherwise.

Commission and DOE staff will provide an overview of their current processes for emergency reallocation of natural gas. Commission staff will review FERC-related statutes and regulations and discuss the provisions related to reallocation and compensation contained in natural gas companies' tariffs. DOE staff will review DOE-related statutes and regulations. Other participants, including relevant Federal agencies and representatives of industry, will describe their responsibilities and present their views.

In order to more clearly focus the discussion at the technical conference, other potential presenters should consider the following questions and present their responses at the conference:

- What industry practices exist to respond to emergency-related reallocations of natural gas? Does the industry need additional flexibility to respond to such situations? What are the antitrust implications of shippers, pipelines, and LDCs coordinating reallocation response?

- Are there any antitrust limitations that would hinder the ability of industry to communicate and coordinate logistical and other information in the event of an emergency? If so, can and should remedies be crafted to facilitate such communication and coordination?

- What existing state processes are there which may be useful to coordinate emergency responses across a diffuse community of industry and regulatory interests?

- Are there any existing regulations, authorities, and business practice standards that could be relied on to

facilitate transporting emergency reallocations of natural gas among shippers and across multiple pipeline systems? Are these sufficient to ensure the timely and effective reallocation of available natural gas supplies? If not, what changes may be warranted? Are modifications to, or waivers of, regulatory requirements called for?

- How can natural gas requirements be identified and prioritized so that during emergencies efforts can be made to ensure delivery of available natural gas supplies to the most important requirements? Is it necessary to establish a process to collect and assess this information and keep it up-to-date in anticipation of future emergencies?

- How do we ensure adequate emergency coordination among pipeline operators?

- What types of decisions would natural gas pipeline operators need from regulators' and in what time frames would those decisions be required to ensure adequate emergency response? What are the antitrust implications of pipeline companies coordinating these decisions? How should compensation be addressed?

- What information on emergency status is available in real-time to keep relevant government officials informed? What additional information might regulators require to make appropriate time-critical decisions in an emergency?

- What types of events or contingencies is the industry already prepared to face? And what types of contingencies is the industry not yet prepared to face? What should our expectations be as to what is reasonable to accomplish and expect?

We will issue further details on the conference, including the agenda and a list of participants, as plans evolve. For additional information, please contact Carol Connors in the Office of External Affairs at carol.connors@ferc.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. EC01-156-000, et al.]

Alliant Energy Corporate Services, et al.; Notice of State-Federal Western Regional Panel Discussion April 2, 2002

In the matter of: EC01-156-000 and ER01-3154-000, ER01-2995-000, RT01-44-000,

RT02-1-000, and EL02-9-000, RT01-15-000 and RT01-35-000, EL00-95-023, EL00-98-022, and RT01-85-000, RT01-93-000, RT01-89-000, EC01-146-000, EC01-156-000, EL01-80-000, ER01-3000-000, ER01-3154-000, ER02-323-000, RM01-12-000, RT01-2-000, RT01-10-000, RT01-67-000, RT01-74-000, RT01-75-000, RT01-77-000, RT01-86-000, RT01-87-000, RT01-88-000, RT01-94-000, RT01-95-000, RT01-98-000, and RT01-101-000, EL00-98-047, EL00-98-Independent System Operator and the -049, and EL00-98-050, EL01-68-000, EL01-116-000, EL01-80-000, RT01-94-000, RM00-10-000, PA02-1-000, EL00-95-024, EL00-98-023, and RT01-83-000, RT01-99-000, RT01-100-000, and RM99-2-000, RT01-1-000, RM98-1-000, EL00-98-021 and RT01-82-000, EL00-95-000, EL00-95-025, EL00-98-024, and RT01-92-000, RT01-34-000, RT02-2-000; Alliant Energy Corporate Services, American Electric Power Company, Arizona Public Service Company, Avista Corporation, California Independent System Operator, California Power Exchange Corporation, Citizens Communications Co., Electricity Market Design and Structure, Investigation of Practices of the California Independent System Operator and the California Power Exchange, Investigation of Wholesale Rates of Public Utility Sellers of Energy and Ancillary Services in the Western Systems Coordinating Council, Montana-Dakota Utilities Company, National Grid USA, NSTAR Services Co., Open Access Same Time Information System, Operational Audit of the California Independent System Operator, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Regional Transmission Organizations, Regional Transmission Organization Informational Filings, Regulations Governing Off-the-Record Communications, San Diego Gas & Electric Company, San Diego Gas & Electric Company, Sellers of Energy and Ancillary Services, Southern California Edison Company, Southwest Power Pool, Inc., State-Federal Regional Panels.

Notice of State-Federal Western Regional Panel Discussion

April 2, 2002.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (the Commission) will participate in the meeting of the Committee on Regional Electric Power Cooperation on April 29-30, 2002. The meeting will be held at the Horton Grand Hotel, 311 Island Avenue, San Diego, California 92101. From 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on April 30, 2002, there will be a state-federal regional panel to discuss standard market design and the cost and benefits of western regional transmission organizations. See Order Announcing the Establishment of State-Federal Regional Panels to Address RTO Issues, Modifying the Application of Rule 2201 in the Captioned Dockets, and Clarifying Order No. 607, 97 FERC ¶61,182 (2001).

The panel discussion will be transcribed, and the transcripts will be placed in related dockets. Ace-Federal

Reporters will provide copies of the transcripts at cost. Their phone numbers are (800) 336-6646 and (202) 347-3700. Additionally, The Commission will post the transcripts on its website ten days after receipt from Ace-Federal Reporters.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice

April 3, 2002.

The following notice of meeting is published pursuant to section 3(a) of the Government in the Sunshine Act (Pub. L. No. 94-409), 5 U.S.C 552b:

AGENCY HOLDING MEETING: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

DATE AND TIME: April 10, 2002, 10 a.m.

PLACE: Room 2C 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Agenda.

Note: Items listed on the Agenda may be deleted without further notice.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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This is a list of matters to be considered by the Commission. It does not include a listing of all papers relevant to the items on the agenda; however, all public documents may be examined in the reference and information center.

789th—Meeting April 10, 2002, Regular Meeting 10 a.m.

Administrative Agenda

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A-2.

Docket# AD02-7, 000, Customer Matters, Reliability, Security and Market Operations

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