

- Jake Williams, Vice President, Generation Development, Peabody Energy
- Carl Holmes, Kansas State Representative
- Jim Torgerson, President, Midwest Independent System Operator (MISO)

Break—4 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

VI. *New Technology*—4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

Roundtable discussion on promoting new technologies to ensure energy reliability.

- John Howe, Vice President, Electric Industry Affairs, American Superconductor
- Scott Castelaz, Vice President, Marketing and Corporate Development, Encorp
- Robert Schainker, Ph.D., EPRI
- Tracy Anderson, Business Development Manager, 3M

VII. *Discussion by State, Federal, and Canadian Officials of Next Steps and Closing Remarks by FERC Commissioners*—5:15 p.m. to 6 p.m.

- Susan Wefald, President, North Dakota Public Service Commission
- Ruth Kretschmer, Commissioner, Illinois Commerce Commission
- Diane Munns, Chairman, Iowa Utilities Board
- Jim Burg, Chairman, South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
- David Svanda, Commissioner, Michigan Public Service Commission

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PL02-9-000]

#### Notice of Public Conference and Agenda

October 21, 2002.

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of public conference and agenda.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission will convene a public conference to engage industry members and the public in a dialogue about policy issues facing the natural gas industry today and the Commission's regulations of the industry for the future. The one-day conference will convene at 9 a.m.

**DATES:** October 25, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ken Niehaus, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-6398.

#### Natural Gas Markets Conference

[Docket No. PL02-9-000]

October 18, 2002.

1. As announced in the Notice of Conference issued September 26, 2002, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will convene a public conference on October 25, 2002, at 9:00 a.m., in the Commission Meeting Room (2C) to engage industry members and the public in a dialogue about policy issues facing the natural gas industry today and the Commission's regulation of the industry for the future. All interested persons are invited to attend.

#### Location

2. The conference will be held in the Commission Meeting Room. Observers will be accommodated on a space available basis, but seating will also be available in an overflow room, which will have a broadcast of the discussion. All visitors must check-in at the First Street entrance. All visitors should have picture identification readily available to ensure a quick check-in.

#### Participation

3. The conference consists of four sessions and an open forum. The first session consists of two panels. Panel A will present opposing views on forecasted supply/demand. Panel B, which is comprised of industry representatives, will respond to the first panel's viewpoints. Panel A participants should file written statements concerning their topics in advance to allow the Panel B participants the opportunity to formulate their responses.

4. The second session will discuss the applicability of the Commission's open season and open access requirements to LNG facilities. Proponents for LNG development will discuss concerns that the Commission's policies may interfere with the ability to capitalize necessary upstream development. The third session will focus on whether the Commission's current policies and definitions of gathering and transmission as they apply to offshore facilities help or hinder the development of offshore supply sources. The fourth session consists of two panels that will address flexibility in pipeline operations. They will discuss customer needs and how they can be met.

5. Following the session presentations, the Commission will provide an open forum to provide an opportunity for market participants and other interested persons to raise issues and make policy recommendations for Commission consideration. All open forum presentations should be limited to five minutes. A sign-up sheet for the open forum will be available the morning of the conference.

#### Procedures To File Comments

6. Panel participants are encouraged to file written statements concerning their topics prior to October 24, 2002. All other interested persons may file additional comments on the issues discussed at the conference, or other matters relevant to this proceeding, by November 15, 2002. Comments should include a one-page, single spaced, position summary. Comments may be filed in paper format or electronically. Those filing electronically do not need to make a paper filing. For paper filings, the original and 14 copies of such comments should be submitted to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC, 20426, and should refer to Docket No. PL02-9-000.

7. Comments filed via the Internet must be prepared in WordPerfect, MS Word, Portable Document Format, or ASCII format. To file the document, access the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) and click on "Make an e-filing," and then follow the instructions for each screen. First-time users will have to establish a user name and password. The Commission will send an automatic acknowledgment to the sender's e-mail address upon receipt of the comments.

8. User assistance for electronic filing is available at 202-502-8258 or by e-mail to [efiling@ferc.gov](mailto:efiling@ferc.gov). Comments should not be submitted to the e-mail address. All comments will be placed in the Commission's public files and will be available for inspection in the Commission's Public Reference Room at 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426 during regular business hours. Additionally, all written statements and comments may be viewed, printed, or downloaded remotely via Internet through FERC's Homepage using the FERRIS link. User assistance for FERRIS is available at 866-208-3676, or by e-mail at [webmaster@ferc.gov](mailto:webmaster@ferc.gov).

#### Off-the-Record Communications

9. The purpose of this conference is to discuss generic issues and not contested cases pending before the Commission. If any comments raise specific issues concerning pending

contested cases, those comments will be subject to the Commission's Off-the-Record Communications rules located in Subpart V of Part 385 of the Commission's regulations, including the public notice requirements and sanctions listed in sections 385.2201(h) and (i).

#### Transcripts

10. Transcripts of the conference will be available from Ace Reporting Company (202-347-3700) for a fee. The transcript also will be available on the Commission's FERRIS system two weeks after the conference. Additionally, Capitol Connection offers the opportunity for remote listening and viewing of the conference. It is available for a fee, live or over the Internet, via C-Band Satellite. Persons interested in receiving the broadcast, or who need information on making arrangements should contact David Reininger or Julia Morelli at 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."

11. For additional information, please contact Ken Niehaus at 202 502-6398 or at [kenneth.niehaus@ferc.gov](mailto:kenneth.niehaus@ferc.gov).

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**  
*Deputy Secretary.*

#### Natural Gas Markets Conference

October 25, 2002.

9:00 AM Opening Remarks

9:10 AM Session I—Supply and Demand—Anticipated long term growth issues.

Moderator—William Hederman,  
Director—Office of Market Oversight  
and Investigations

#### Panel A

Wayne Andrews, Vice President, Equity  
Research  
Raymond James  
Vello Kuuskraa, President, Advanced  
Resources International

#### Panel B

Craig Chancellor, Calpine Corporation  
Mike Warren, Chairman, President &  
CEO, Energen Corporation  
Paul Cicio, Executive Director,  
Industrial Energy Consumers of  
America  
Fred Fowler, Interstate Natural Gas  
Association of America  
Mike Stice, President, Gas Power,  
ConocoPhillips  
Mark Pinney, Canadian Association of  
Petroleum Producers  
Bruce Schwartz, Director, Corporate &  
Government Ratings, Standards &  
Poor

10:15 AM Break

10:30 AM Session II—LNG—  
Applicability of the Commission  
open season and open access  
requirements on LNG import  
facilities.

Moderator—Ed Murrell, Office of  
Markets, Tariffs, and Rates

Phil Bainbridge, Vice President, Global  
LNG, BP Energy Company  
Ron P. Billings, Vice President, Global  
LNG Exxon/Mobile Gas Marketing  
Company  
John Hritcko, Jr., Vice President, Shell  
NA LNG Inc.  
Stephen L. Huntoon, Hackberry LNG  
Terminal, LLC.

Claude Devillers, Managing Director,  
Merzbach Group

Richard L. Grant, President and CEO,  
Tractebel LNG, North America

11:30 AM Session III—Offshore  
Gathering Policy—The  
Commission's definition of offshore  
gathering and its impact on the  
development of offshore facilities.

Moderator—Robert Christin—Office of  
the General Counsel

Bill Benham, Vice President, Regulatory  
Affairs BP Energy Company  
Joseph W. Kimmel, Vice President,  
Marketing and Transportation, Shell  
Offshore Inc.

James Costan, McGuireWoods LLP  
David P. Halphen, Shell Gas  
Transmission

Allen Armstrong, Williams Field  
Services

W. Jonathan Airey, Independent  
Petroleum Association of America

12:30 PM Lunch

1:30 PM Session IV—Flexibility in  
Pipeline Operations—Pipeline  
infrastructure and its ability to meet  
the needs of all future customers.

Moderator—Robert Cupina—Office of  
Energy Projects

#### Panel A

Tom Skains, President & Chief  
Operating Officer, Piedmont Natural  
Gas

Bert Kalish, Vice President, Government  
Relations, American Public Gas  
Association

Dena Wiggins, General Counsel, Process  
Gas Consumers

Craig Chancellor, Calpine Corporation  
Harvey Morris, California Public Utility  
Commission

#### Panel B

Paul D. Koonce, Senior Vice President,  
Portfolio Management, Dominion  
Resources, Inc.

John Hopper, Falcon Storage  
Richard Daniel, EnCana Storage

Carl Levander, Vice President,  
Regulatory & Strategic Initiatives,  
NiSource Pipeline Group  
Frank Ferrazzi, Interstate Natural Gas  
Association of America  
3:00 PM Open Forum

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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#### Regulations Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice

October 18, 2002.

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(h), of the receipt of exempt and prohibited off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive an exempt or a prohibited off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of a contested on-the-record proceeding, to deliver a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication, to the Secretary.

Prohibited communications will be included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited off-the-record communication, and may request that the Commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such requests only when it determines that fairness so requires. Any person identified below as having made a prohibited off-the-record communication should serve the document on all parties listed on the official service list for the applicable proceeding in accordance with Rule 2010, 18 CFR 385.2010.

Exempt off-the-record communications will be included in the decisional record of the proceeding, unless the communication was with a cooperating agency as described by 40 CFR 1501.6, made under 18 CFR 385.2201(e)(1)(v).