

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Docket PL04-8-000]****U.S.-Canada Power System Outage Task Force; Workshop on Electric Reliability Standards; Notice of Workshop**

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The workshop will be held at the Commission's Washington, DC headquarters, 888 First St., NE., 20426. The workshop is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. (EST) in the Commission Meeting Room, Room 2-C.

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Selected panelists will be invited to participate in this workshop; requests to make presentations will not be entertained. All interested persons may attend.

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For more information about the conference, please contact Sarah McKinley at 202-502-8004 (sarah.mckinley@ferc.gov).

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

Attachment 1—U.S.-Canada Power System Outage Task Force Workshop on Electric Reliability Standards**Agenda**

- (1) Opening comments by the Governmental conveners (15 minutes)
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 - U.S. Department of Energy and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
- (2) Status of current industry standards and policies (45 minutes)
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 - Timing of evolution into clear, ANSI-process-adopted standards
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

Records Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice

May 5, 2004.

This constitutes notice, in accordance
with 18 CFR 385.2201(b), 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 prohibited
off-the-record communication relevant
to the merit's 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 a part of, the
decisional record of the proceeding.
Unless the Commission determines that
the prohibited communication and any
responses thereto should become a 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 a request
only when it determines that fairness so
requires. Any person identified below as
having made a prohibited off-the-record
communication shall 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).

The following is a list of prohibited
and exempt communications recently
received in the Office of the Secretary.
The communications listed are grouped
by docket numbers. These filings are
available for review at the Commission
in the Public Reference Room or may be
viewed on the Commission's Web site at
<http://www.ferc.gov> using the eLibrary
(FERRIS) 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 for TTY,
contact (202) 502-8659.

Prohibited:

Docket No.	Date filed	Presenter or requester
1. CP04-36-000, CP04-41-000	4-26-04	Brian Pearson.
2. CP04-36-000, CP04-41-000	4-26-04	Lisa Doremus.
3. CP04-58-000	5-03-04	Susan Schaffel, <i>et al.</i> ¹

¹ This communication is one among numerous form letters sent to the Commission by the Greenpeace, USA organization. Only representative samples of these prohibited non-decisional documents are posted in this docket on the Commission's eLibrary system (<http://www.ferc.gov>).

Exempt:

Docket No.	Date filed	Presenter or requester
1. CP03-75-000	4-29-04	Barbara Holley Reid.
2. Project No. 11659-000	4-22-04	Jeff Boyce.
3. Project No. 11659-000	4-22-04	Daniel Raley.
4. Project No. 2082-000	4-29-04	Barry and Julie Clock.
5. Project No. 2082-000	5-4-04	Dennis Griffin, PhD.
6. Project No. 2082-000	5-4-04	Kirk E. Ranzetta.