

do not need to file Initial Briefs in order to file Reply Briefs.

6. In authorizing the emergency transmission and delivery of electric capacity and energy, the Emergency Order limited the service provided by CSC for LIPA as follows:

[T]his order * * * shall be limited to requiring the transmission and delivery of such electric capacity and/or energy as is necessary in the judgment of the New York Independent System Operator to meet the supply and essential reserve margin needs of LIPA * * * and * * * prior to exercising its judgment as required by this order, the New York Independent System Operator must consult with ISO-New England, Inc. to ensure that the *scheduling* of such electric capacity and/or energy will not violate system *operating criteria* * * * (Emphasis added.)

7. The documents in the Referral indicate that "the day that DOE issued the [Emergency] Order, LIPA contacted the NYISO and remained in almost daily telephone and e-mail communication with NYISO to determine what those emergency operating and scheduling protocols would be." The documents further indicate that the "Implementation Protocol for Emergency Operation of the Cross Sound Cable" (Protocol for Emergency CSC Operation) was not made available to LIPA until NYISO sent a facsimile transmission to LIPA on September 23, 2002, one week before the Emergency Order expired.

8. To help the Commission understand the reasons for the delay in establishing the Protocol for Emergency CSC Operation as ordered by the Secretary, and to help the Commission ensure that such a delay does not occur again, NYISO and ISO-New England are hereby directed to answer the following questions on or before January 31, 2003:

A. Explain in detail why NYISO and ISO-New England did not establish the Protocol for Emergency CSC Operation within a week or less of the issuance of the Secretary's Emergency Order.

B. Explain in detail the processes followed and the reasons why it took 38 days to issue the Protocol for Emergency CSC Operation.

C. Explain whether the same processes would be used if the Secretary issued another emergency order. If not, what changes would be made?

D. The fourth paragraph of the Protocol for Emergency CSC Operation states:

All costs associated with energy provided pursuant to the [Emergency] Order and this Protocol shall be governed by the Emergency Transactions Agreement entered into between the NYISO and the New

England Power Pool on August 14, 2000.

(1) Identify and support all costs associated with providing energy under the Emergency Order including expenses associated with establishing the Protocol for Emergency CSC Operation.

(2) Provide a copy of the August 14 Emergency Transactions Agreement and the protocols used to support such agreement.

E. Is there a scheduling and operating protocol which will be used if another emergency order is issued or when the CSC is fully operational?

9. Any comments parties have with respect to the answers provided by the ISOs may be included in separate sections of the Initial or Reply Briefs.

The Commission Orders

(A) Procedures for Commission action on the Referral are hereby established as discussed in the body of this order.

(B) The NYISO and ISO-NE are hereby directed to submit responses, as discussed in the body of this order.

By the Commission.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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EPA Public Meeting—Closing the Gap: Innovative Responses for Sustainable Water Infrastructure; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency is hosting a one-day public forum to discuss water and wastewater infrastructure in the United States. EPA's goal is to bring together stakeholders, including those from business, government, and academia, to exchange information and views on management and sustainable financing of the nation's water and wastewater infrastructure. The meeting will be in Washington, DC, on January 31, 2003, starting at 9 a.m. This meeting is open to the public.

The forum will be composed primarily of two moderated expert panels who will offer their insights. At the forum, the audience will have an opportunity to provide questions to be discussed by the experts.

DATES: The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. on January 31, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the ballroom at the Marriott at Metro Center at 775 12th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For more information on the location and agenda of this meeting, and general background information including related documents and reports on water and wastewater infrastructure needs, please see the Office of Water Web Page at <http://www.epa.gov/ow/> or contact the Safe Drinking Water Hotline, phone: (800) 426-4791 or (703) 285-1093. To assist in making arrangements for the number of attendees, please send an e-mail to closingthegap@cadmusgroup.com with the name, title, and organization of each person attending. Seating is limited to 300 people. If you need special accommodations at this meeting, including signing, you should contact Shawna Bergman at (202) 564-3641 by January 24, 2003, so that we can make appropriate arrangements.

Dated: January 3, 2003.

G. Tracy Mehan, III,
Assistant Administrator for Water.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Folpet; Notice of Filing a Pesticide Petition to Establish a Tolerance for a Certain Pesticide Chemical in or on Food

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the initial filing of a pesticide petition proposing the establishment of regulations for residues of a certain pesticide chemical in or on various food commodities.

DATES: Comments, identified by docket ID number OPP-2002-0340, must be received on or before February 10, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted electronically, by mail, or through hand delivery/courier. Follow the detailed instructions as provided in Unit I. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cynthia Giles-Parker, Registration Division (7505C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection