

A reminder to please register for the conference online on the Commission Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/home/conferences.asp>. Scroll down and click on "Western Energy Infrastructure Conference in Denver, CO". There is no registration fee.

Questions about the conference program should be directed to: Carol Connors, Office of External Affairs, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, carol.connors@ferc.gov.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

Attachment: Conference Agenda

Marriott Denver City Center, 1701 California Street, Denver, Colorado,
July 30, 2003.

I. Opening Remarks and Introductions—2 p.m. to 2:10 p.m.

Chairman Pat Wood, Commissioner William Massey, Commissioner Nora Brownell.

II. Overview of Current Energy Infrastructure—2:10 p.m. to 2:20 p.m.

Jeff Wright, Office of Energy Projects, FERC.

III. Forecasting Future Energy Infrastructure Needs—2:20 p.m. to 2:40 p.m.

Todd Filsinger, Senior Partner, Wholesale Energy Markets, PA Consulting Group.

IV. New Electric Generation—2:45 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Can new electric generation meet Western demand?

- Economic and financial barriers to new generation—Rebecca Followill, Gas and Power Group, Howard Weil Investment Counselors

- Fueling new generation—Peter Moritzburke, Director, Western Energy Office, Cambridge Energy Research Associates

- Retirement forecast/reserve margin—Jeremy Platt, Manager, Power & Fuel Markets, Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI), one author of a recently released EPRI report, "Outlook for Capacity Retirements Following U.S. Boom in New Supplies: Report Series on Natural Gas and Power Reliability, February 2003"

- Demand response successes—Charles Goldman, Leader, Electricity Markets and Policy Group, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

V. Natural Gas—3:35 p.m. to 4:20 p.m.

Can natural gas meet future energy needs in the West?

- Traditional natural gas supply availability—Roger Biemans, President, EnCana US

- Rocky Mountains infrastructure needs/Coal-bed methane developing technology—Brian Jeffries, Vice President, Marketing, Western Gas Resources

- Role of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) facilities in gas supply—Darcel Hulse, President, Sempra Global

- Canadian gas update—Bill Bingham, Acting Business Leader, Commodity Unit, National Energy Board-Canada/NEB

- Mexican gas update—Francisco de la Isla, General Director, Economic Policy Unit, Comision Reguladora de Energia/CRE

VI. Electric Transmission—4:25 p.m. to 5:10 p.m.

Can the electric transmission system get generation to load centers?

- Siting issues in the West, e.g., federal land corridors—Ronald Montagna, Senior Realty Specialist, Bureau of Land Management /White House Energy Task Force

- Major transmission constraints—Armando Perez, Director of Grid Planning, California Independent System Operator

- Bonneville Power Administration's role and future plans—Vickie VanZandt, Vice President of Operation and Planning, Bonneville Power Administration

- State of regional transmission planning—Dean Perry, Chairman of the Planning Work Group, Seams Steering Group-Western Interconnection/SSG-WI

- Industry participation in new transmission infrastructure—Frederic Stoffel, Vice President, Policy Development, XCEL Energy

VII. Discussion by State, Federal, Tribal and International Officials—5:15 p.m. to 6 p.m.

What conclusions have been reached and what are the next steps?

- Public Utility Commissioners—Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Idaho, Utah, Arizona, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico (invited)

- Tribal Representatives—A. David Lester, Executive Director, Council of Energy Resource Tribes (CERT), and Roger B. Fragua, Deputy Director, CERT

- Elected Officials or their Senior Designees—Governors, Congressional and/or State legislators (invited)

- Francisco de la Isla, General Director, Economic Policy Unit, CRE—Mexico, and Bill Bingham, Acting Business Leader, Commodity Unit, NEB—Canada

- Closing Remarks

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Regulations Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice

June 27, 2003.

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

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