

Indian tribe, and non-governmental organization input. All interested individuals, organizations, agencies, and Indian tribes are invited to attend one or both of the meetings, and to assist the staff in identifying the scope of the environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EA. The times and locations of these meetings are as follows:

Evening Scoping Meeting

Date: Wednesday, January 21, 2004.

Time: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Location: Reston Hotel and Convention Center, 2300 Crater Lake Hwy., Medford, Oregon.

Daytime Scoping Meeting

Date: Thursday, January 22, 2004.

Time: 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Location: Reston Hotel and Convention Center, 2300 Crater Lake Hwy., Medford, Oregon.

Copies of the Scoping Document (SD1) outlining the subject areas to be addressed in the EA were distributed to parties on the Commission's mailing list. Copies of the SD1 will be available at the scoping meeting or may be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link (see item m above).

Site Visit

PacifiCorp and Commission staff will conduct a project site visit beginning at 8 a.m. on Thursday, January 22, 2004. If you would like to attend the site visit, please RSVP Arianne Poindexter, PacifiCorp at (503) 813-5513 by January 16, 2004. We will assemble at the Prospect Nos. 1, 2, and 4 Operator Office/Warehouse located at 1111 Mill Creek Drive, Prospect, Oregon. All participants will be responsible for their own transportation to the designated meeting site.

Objectives

At the scoping meetings, staff will: (1) Summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the EA; (2) solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially empirical data, on the resources at issue; (3) encourage statements from participants on issues that should be analyzed in the EA, including viewpoints in opposition to, or in support of, the staff's preliminary views; (4) determine the resource issues to be addressed in the EA; and (5) identify those issues that do not require a detailed analysis.

Procedures

The meetings will be recorded by a stenographer and become part of the

formal record of the Commission proceeding on the project.

Individuals, organizations, agencies, and Indian tribes with environmental expertise and concerns are encouraged to attend the meetings and to assist Commission staff in defining and clarifying the issues to be addressed in the EA.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Technical Conference on Supply Margin Assessment Screen and Alternatives

December 19, 2003.

Conference on Supply Margin Assessment (Docket No. PL02-8-000); AEP Power Marketing, Inc., AEP Service Corporation, CSW Power Marketing, Inc., CSW Energy Services, Inc., and Central and South West Services, Inc. (Docket Nos. ER96-2495-016, ER97-4143-004, ER97-1238-011, ER98-2075-010, and ER98-542-006 (Not consolidated)); Entergy Services, Inc. (Docket No. ER91-569-018); Southern Company Energy Marketing L.P. (Docket No. ER97-4166-010).

1. Take notice that a technical conference will be held on January 13 and 14, 2004, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NW., Washington, DC. As discussed below, the goal of the technical conference is to discuss modifications or alternatives to the Supply Margin Assessment (SMA) interim generation market power screen and related mitigation measures announced in *AEP Power Marketing, Inc., et al.*, 97 FERC ¶ 61,219 at 61,969 (2001), *reh'g pending* (SMA Order). One or more of the Commissioners may participate in the conference. Additional details about the conference and a conference agenda will be provided in a subsequent notice.

2. In the SMA Order, the Commission announced a new market power screen for generation, the SMA, to be applied to market-based rate applications on an interim basis pending a generic review of new methods for analyzing market power and established mitigation measures applicable to entities that fail the SMA screen.¹ In a Notice Delaying

Effective Date of Mitigation and Announcing Technical Conference, issued on December 20, 2001, the Commission deferred the date by which the companies in the above-captioned proceedings or any other public utilities failing the SMA screen must implement the mitigation for spot market energy sales set forth in the SMA Order, and announced its intention to hold a technical conference open to all interested persons, not only parties to the dockets captioned in the SMA Order.

3. On August 23, 2002, the Commission issued a notice establishing Docket No. PL02-8-000, Conference on Supply Margin Assessment, to provide an opportunity for all interested persons to comment. In preparation for the technical conference, the Commission invited all interested persons to submit written comments regarding the SMA screen and related mitigation measures. Those comments were filed on October 22, 2002.

4. In an effort to address concerns raised by commenters regarding the SMA screen and the price mitigation measures contained in the SMA Order, the Commission asked staff to prepare a staff paper identifying possible modifications or alternatives to both the SMA screen and price mitigation measures (such staff paper is set forth in the Attachment to this notice) and to hold a technical conference on these issues. In preparation for the technical conference, the Commission invites all interested persons to submit written comments on the staff paper no later than January 6, 2004. All comments should include an executive summary; the summary shall not exceed five pages. To conserve time and avoid unnecessary expense, persons with common interests or views are encouraged to submit joint comments.

5. Persons interested in participating in the technical conference should be prepared to discuss the proposals in the staff paper. In addition, we encourage interested persons to propose alternative approaches and demonstrate why any such alternatives are improvements to the SMA screen/mitigation measures and the proposals contained in the staff paper. Those proposing alternative approaches, either in their comments or at the conference, should address how their proposal meets data accessibility issues as well as the timing constraints the Commission faces in having to act upon many market-based rate filings within a 60-day statutory period. Finally, persons interested in participating in the technical conference should indicate what principles the Commission should apply in modifying

¹ SMA Order, 97 FERC ¶ 61,219 at 61,967.