

Program Agenda
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Technical Conference on Pricing Proposals for Network
Upgrades And Expansions, including Participant Funding
November 6, 2002

As announced in the Notice of Conferences and Revisions to Public Comment Schedule issued on October 2, 2002, the technical conference on November 6, 2002, represents one of a series of conferences and meetings focused on specific aspects of the Commission's proposed rule for Standard Market Design.

The conference will begin at 9:30 a.m., in the Commission meeting room at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. The purpose of the conference is to discuss pricing proposals for network upgrades and expansions. In particular, the discussions will attempt to clarify the definition of "participant funding" and seek consensus on the types of facilities that should be eligible for participant funding.

The conference is open to the public. In addition to panel discussions, there will also be an open microphone to allow some discussion with the audience.

The conference will be transcribed. Those interested in obtaining transcripts should contact Ace Federal Reporters at 202-347-3700.

The Capitol Connection will broadcast the conference live via the Internet and by phone. To find out more about The Capitol Connection's Internet and phone bridge, contact David Reininger or Julia Morelli at 703-993-3100 or go to www.capitolconnection.gmu.edu.

Each of the panels will discuss the following questions:

- a. Definitions of pricing policies including types of participant funding.
 - (1) "Beneficiaries pay" – the beneficiary, whether a single customer, a rate zone, the entire RTO, or a neighboring region as determined by the Independent Transmission Provider, pays for the upgrades.
 - (2) "Market-based participant funding" – projects voluntarily proposed by individual market participants are voluntarily

paid for by those participants, in order to use the expanded capacity and receive the Congestion Revenue Rights created.

- (3) "Rolled in pricing" – projects are paid by all users of the regional grid.
 - (4) "Local License plate pricing" – Projects in a given service territory are paid for by those who pay the access charge in that territory.
- b. Definitions of categories of investments that must be addressed:
 - (1) Region-wide reliability;
 - (2) Local reliability;
 - (3) Congestion relief.
 - c. Which of the types of investments in (b) should be treated under each of the pricing policies in (a)?
 - d. What barriers might remain under the proposed planning process to getting needed transmission built, and how can they be addressed better?
 - e. How much regional variation should be allowed in determining the appropriate pricing treatment for each category of investment?
 - f. Under market-based participant funding, should a market participant who funds an upgrade and receives the associated congestion revenue rights also pay an access charge to receive transmission service?
 - g. In a region that moves to rely substantially on market-based participant funding, how should customers transition from transmission credits for network upgrades associated with generator interconnections to congestion revenue rights?
 - h. In regions that propose to rely substantially on market-based participant funding, how can current wholesale network customers ensure that their load growth continues to be planned-for on a non-discriminatory basis?

- i. What accommodations should be made, if any, to account for the recovery of the costs of transmission expansion with state retail rate freezes.

Schedule

9:30 - 9:35 AM **Introductions**

9:35 - 9:45 AM **Opening Remarks**
Mark Hegerle, Commission Staff

9:45 - 11:15 AM **Session I**

Panelists:

Pradeep “Pete” Mehra, President, Mehra Energy Consulting, L.L.C.
Ron Walter, Senior Vice President, Calpine Corporation
Nick Winsler, Senior Vice President, Transmission Strategy and Development,
National Grid
Dale Landgren, Vice President and Chief Strategic Officer,
American Transmission Company
Michael M. Schnitzer, Director, The NorthBridge Group, on behalf of Entergy
Laura J. Manz, Director, Interregional Transmission,
Public Service Electric and Gas Company
Cynthia S. Bogorad, Attorney, Spiegel & McDiarmid, on behalf of the
Transmission Access Policy Study Group

11:15 – 11:30 AM **Break**

11:30 – 1:00 PM **Session II**

Panelists:

Robert M. Gross, Jr., President, GDS Associates, Inc., on behalf of
East Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc.
John B. Howe, Vice President, Electric Industry Affairs,
American Superconductor Corporation
Jacob Williams, Vice President, Generation Development, Peabody Energy
David H. Boguslawski, Vice President, Transmission Business,
Northeast Utilities Service Company
Frank Schiller, Vice President, Legal, Progress Energy
José A. Rotger, Director, Regulatory Policy, TransEnergie U.S. Ltd.
Bruce Edelston, Director, Policy & Planning, Southern Company

1:00 – 2:30 PM **Lunch**

2:30 – 4:00 PM **Session III**

Panelists:

Audrey A. Zibelman, Chief Executive Officer, TRANSLink Development
Company LLC

Chuck Meyer, Vice President for Marketing and Sales, Bonneville
Power Administration

Richard S. “Rich” Bayless, Director, Interconnected Systems, PacifiCorp

Leslie E. Starck, Director of Federal Regulatory and Legislative Affairs,
Southern California Edison Company

Beth Bradley, Director Market Affairs, South Region, Mirant Corporation

William P. Scharfenberg, Attorney, Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP,
on behalf of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association

4:00 – 4:30 PM **Break**

4:30 – 6:00 PM **Session III**

Panelists:

Paul Vasington, Chairman, Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications
And Energy

Michael Dworkin, Chairman, Vermont Public Service Board

Gary W. Gillis, Vice Chairman, Kentucky Public Service Commission

Braulio L. Baez, Commissioner, Florida Public Service Commission

Joseph P. Mettner, Commissioner, Wisconsin Public Service Commission

Sam I. Bratton, Jr., General Counsel and Commissioner Emeritus, Arkansas Public
Service Commission

Note: Other state commissioners may also join this session

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