NOTICE OF TECHNICAL CONFERENCE

(June 21, 2004)

Take notice that a technical conference will be held to address what steps have been taken to prevent a blackout reoccurrence and discuss related reliability issues in the Midwest for the Summer 2004, on Thursday, July 15, from approximately 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Time) at the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel, 24 Public Square, Cleveland, Ohio. Members of the Commission will attend and participate in the discussions.
The Renaissance Cleveland Hotel is holding a block of rooms for attendees at the rate of $139 for the evening of July 14. For reservations call 1-800-HOTELS-1 or 216-696-5600.

The conference is open for the public to attend, and registration is not required; however, in-person attendees are asked to register for the conference on-line by close of business on Thursday, July 8, at [http://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/reliability-workshop-0715-form.asp](http://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/reliability-workshop-0715-form.asp).

A tentative agenda for this meeting is included with this notice as Attachment A. The discussion covers responses to the 2003 blackout, preparations for Summer 2004, electricity infrastructure issues, and longer-term reliability issues. A more detailed agenda, with a list of speakers, will be published at a later time.

The meeting was established in response to an invitation by Governor Bob Taft of Ohio to convene a public forum and technical conference to address these issues. The conference will also enjoy the participation of members of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

Transcripts of the conference will be immediately available from Ace Reporting Company (202-347-3700 or 1-800-336-6646) for a fee. They will be available for the public on the Commission's eLibrary system seven calendar days after FERC receives the transcript. Additionally, Capitol Connection offers the opportunity for remote listening of the conference via Real Audio or a Phone Bridge Connection for a fee. Persons interested in making arrangements should contact David Reininger or Julia Morelli at the Capitol Connection (703-993-3100) as soon as possible or visit the Capitol Connection website at [http://www.capitolconnection.org](http://www.capitolconnection.org) and click on "FERC."

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

Magalie R. Salas
Secretary
Agenda

9:00 a.m. Opening comments
Chairman Pat Wood, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Governor Bob Taft of Ohio
Chairman Alan R. Schriber, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

9:20 a.m. Preparations for summer 2004
First Energy, improvements to grid operations and practices, implementation of NERC recommendations
AEP, operations and summer preparation
Midwest ISO, software, operations, communications
PJM, discussion of Commonwealth Edison and AEP integration, the common market, operations and communications
TVA, operations and preparations
NERC, blackout mitigation recommendations and implementation
Vegetation Management status, speaker from NARUC or FERC
Audience Participation

11:20 a.m. Break

11:40 a.m. Midwest Infrastructure Issues (OH, MI, WI, IL, IN, KY, TN, WV)
Jeff Wright, FERC -- Update on Midwest electric and gas infrastructure
MISO -- Midwest transmission planning, issues and prospects
Audience Participation

12:40 p.m. Lunch Break

2:00 p.m. Longer-Term Reliability Issues
DOE, Implementation of blackout recommendations
NERC, Reliability readiness audits
NERC reliability standards
State-level actions – Regulators representing NARUC, Ohio, Michigan, New York, Indiana
Audience participation

4:00 p.m. Next Steps: Commitments and Recommendations
Discussion with FERC and State Regulators, DOE and audience

4:30 p.m. Adjourn