

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Implementation Issues Under the Public
Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978

Docket No. AD16-16-000

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE CONCERNING TECHNICAL CONFERENCE

(March 4, 2016)

As announced in the Notice of Technical Conference issued on February 9, 2016, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) will hold a technical conference on June 29, 2016, from 9:00 am to approximately 4:00 pm on implementation issues under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA).¹ The conference will be held in the Commission Meeting Room at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

The purpose of the technical conference is to focus on issues associated with the Commission's implementation of PURPA. As provided in the attached preliminary agenda, the conference will focus on two issues: the mandatory purchase obligation under PURPA and the determination of avoided costs for those purchases.

Those interested in speaking at the technical conference should notify the Commission by April 4, 2016, by completing the online form at the following webpage: <https://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/06-29-16-speaker-form.asp>. At this webpage, please provide an abstract (700 character limit) of the issue(s) you propose to address. Due to time constraints, we expect to not be able to accommodate all those interested in speaking. Selected speakers will be notified as soon as possible.

Those who plan to attend the technical conference are strongly encouraged to complete the registration form located at: <https://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/06-29-16-form.asp>. There is no registration deadline or fee to attend the conference.

Information on this event will be posted on the Calendar of Events on the Commission's web site, <http://www.ferc.gov>, prior to the event. The conference will be transcribed. Transcripts will be available for a fee from Ace Reporting Company (202-347-3700). A free webcast of this event is also available through www.ferc.gov. Anyone with Internet access who desires to view this event can do so by navigating to <http://www.ferc.gov> Calendar of Events and locating this event in the Calendar. The

¹ 16 U.S.C. § 824a-3 (2012).

event will contain a link to the webcast. The Capitol Connection provides technical support for webcasts and offers the option of listening to the meeting via phone-bridge for a fee. If you have any questions, visit www.CapitolConnection.org or call 703-993-3100.

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**Technical Conference on Implementation Issues Under the
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Preliminary Agenda

9:00 am – 9:15 am Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:15 am – 11:30 am Panel 1: Mandatory Purchase Obligations

Panel 1 will address issues related to the Commission’s regulations implementing the mandatory purchase obligation under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA) in light of changes in the electricity markets since the enactment of PURPA.

Panelists may address the application of the “one-mile rule” and any implications it may have on current electricity markets, as well as its impact on or interplay with utilities’ long range resource planning efforts. Additionally, panelists may address the rebuttable presumption that the Commission has adopted in the context of PURPA section 210(m) that qualifying facilities (QFs) 20 megawatts and below do not have nondiscriminatory access to competitive organized wholesale markets and the barriers to access encountered by these facilities.

Panelists may also address when a QF can be curtailed, the impact of utility contracting and interconnection practices on QF transactions, the obligation to purchase “as available” power, the obligation to sell supplemental, standby, backup and maintenance power to a QF and the obligation to purchase pursuant to legally enforceable obligations, particularly as these issues arise in new and emerging markets. Panelists may also consider the impact the emerging energy imbalance market in the West may have on the mandatory purchase obligation.

11:30 am – 12:30 pm Lunch

12:30 pm – 3:00 pm Panel 2: Avoided Cost Calculations

Panel 2 will address the various methods for calculating avoided cost, including the system average method, the use of natural gas prices and other fuel price indices in setting avoided

cost, and setting avoided costs through auctions and/or requests for proposals.

Panelists may address the assumptions and analyses that are used to develop avoided cost prices, whether and how various pricing methodologies are consistent with PURPA, the strengths and weaknesses of different avoided cost pricing methodologies, and potential improvements to current pricing methodologies. In addition, panelists may address whether an avoided cost methodology may reflect the locational and/or time value of QF output and the potential role of wholesale market revenues in developing avoided cost calculations. Panelists may also consider methodologies for the determination of avoided costs for capacity and for long and short-term arrangements.

3:00 pm – 3:30 pm Closing Remarks