

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON DC

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

November 20, 2001

Re: Docket No. RTO2-2-000, et al.

Dear Chairmen and State Commissioners:

At the recent annual meeting of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners in Philadelphia, a number of Midwest State Commissioners requested the opportunity to speak with the Commission prior to responding to the questionnaire we sent out last week regarding regional transmission organizations (RTOs) in the Midwest. In order to respond to your request, pursuant to the Commission's Order issued November 9, 2001, in Docket No. RTO2-2-000, et al., we will convene the State-Federal Midwest Panel, and initiate a conference call of that panel on November 27, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) The call is scheduled to last until 12 noon EST. In order to facilitate the discussions, it would be more efficient if commissioners from one state call in on one telephone line. Any Midwest Commissioner may participate on the State-Federal Midwest Regional Panel. The conference call discussion will be transcribed and the transcription will be placed into appropriate pending dockets, pursuant to the November 9 order.

While we would have preferred a State-Federal RTO panel meeting in person, we are, instead, using a conference call discussion because a number of you will be attending a National Governors Association meeting in Washington, D.C. on November 27 and a conference call will increase the level of state participation. If you plan to be in Washington that day, please feel free to stop at the Commission and join us on the 11th floor in the Commissioners' Library.

Thank you very much for your participation. I look forward to hearing from you on November 27.

Best regards,

Pat Wood, III
Chairman

cc: Chuck Gray, NARUC
FERC Commissioners