

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**Arizona Public Service Company
El Paso Electric Company
Public Service Company of New Mexico
Tucson Electric Power Company**

Docket No. RT02-1-000

WestConnect RTO, LLC

Docket No. EL02-9-000

**Remedying Undue Discrimination
through Open Access Transmission Service
and Standard Electricity Market Design**

Docket No. RM01-12-000

NOTICE OF TECHNICAL CONFERENCE

(August 7, 2003)

Take notice that a technical conference for WestConnect RTO, LLC, will be held on September 24, 2003, from approximately 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time at the Pointe Hilton Squaw Peak Resort, 7677 N. 16th Street in Phoenix, Arizona. Members of the Commission will attend and participate in the discussions.

This conference is one of a series of regional technical conferences announced in the White Paper issued in this docket on April 28, 2003. The Commission intends to use these conferences to discuss with states and market participants in each region reasonable timetables for addressing wholesale market design issues discussed in the White Paper and ways to tailor the final rule in this proceeding to benefit customers within the region. The conference will also discuss infrastructure issues in the Southwest.

The Commission is inviting selected panelists to participate in this conference; it is not entertaining requests to make presentations. Further details of the conference, including the agenda, will be specified in a subsequent notice. All interested persons may attend the conference, and registration is not required. However, in-person attendees are encouraged to register on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov/home/conferences.asp>.

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 FERRIS 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> and click on "FERC."

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

**Linda Mitry
Acting Secretary**