

May 17, 2004 FERC/California ISO Outreach Meeting at Lake Natoma Inn

The FERC/California ISO Outreach Meeting was held on May 17, 2004 at the Lake Natoma Inn in Folsom, California. Approximately 25 industry participants attended, along with representatives from the California ISO and FERC.

The floor was opened to general questions from the utilities followed by a high-level discussion of the process that would be followed to map the CAISO data elements to FERC's EQR fields.

One topic of discussion was related to bookouts. A participant asked what control area should be listed for bookouts since they didn't flow. FERC STAFF stated that when a deal was made, and a place was specified in the contract where it was agreed to be delivered, that that place should be specified in the booked out transaction. If it is at the junction of two (or more) control areas, the participants should pick one of the point of delivery control areas to report in the EQR.

A question was asked about non-conforming sales demand charges (i.e. a demand charge for the month). FERC STAFF indicated that was considered a capacity charge in the EQR.

FERC staff noted that more calls were received in Q1 of 2004 regarding tolling than in all of 2003. When a participant has a tolling contract, and the purchaser is supplying gas, it looks like an extremely low price per MWH. There are essentially two parties to the tolling agreement – power plant selling capacity and other party ultimately selling the energy. FERC staff suggested leaving tolling as it presently is in the EQR. Flat demand charge should be recorded in the EQR as “capacity” and per megawatt hour charges should be reported in the EQR as “other.”

FERC staff proposed enhancing the EQR error checking to only allow megawatt hours and kilowatt hours for the units when energy is the product being sold and megawatts and kilowatts for the units when capacity is the product being sold. Currently, there are a lot of errors with the units. Participants didn't have a problem with the suggested change. FERC staff said that it would be taken up at the next general EQR meeting in Washington.

A participant suggested that FERC publish a hub list which includes all acceptable areas to address new or changing hub names. Because hub names do not change on a quarterly basis like the EQR, FERC staff was asked if EQR filers should use the new hub name for the whole quarter, only part of the quarter, or none of the quarter. FERC staff indicated that both should be used during the switching quarter, and then only the new hub should be used thereafter. A participant

proposed that FERC staff develop a spreadsheet or text table that would include both the old name and new name.

Clarification on the reporting of imports and exports from/to Canada and Mexico were requested.

FERC staff indicated that the biggest problems with the EQR was missing and incorrect data and suggested that participants perform a reality check of data before submitting. One easy check would entail sorting from highest to lowest prices. This way, users can look at the very high and very low prices and see if they are accurate.

FERC staff also reminded participants that they should never use the Troubleshooting Option to send their database to FERC unless instructed to do so by FERC staff.

It was learned that in the California ISO, that RMR (Reliability Must Run) data are on a different statement than the other CAISO's settlement statement items, and the draft mapping that had been prepared didn't include the RMR settlement items.

May 18, 2004 FERC/California ISO Data Mapping Meeting at CAISO

The FERC/California ISO Data Mapping Meeting was held at the California ISO on May 18, 2004 at the CAISO in Folsom, California. Approximately 25 industry participants attended, along with representatives from the California ISO and FERC.

Another question arose on what FERC staff has available to access EQR data that is government-financed and yet not available to the common public user (database analysis tools, software for analysis, queries, etc.). FERC staff indicated that we use Microsoft Access to view a SQL server database that is updated daily for us and is downloadable weekly to them. FERC staff also noted that the selective filing download will soon be available on the FERC website that allows users to get data on more than one company for a quarter and to get more than one quarter for a company, although it would be processed overnight and electronically sent to the user the next day.

CAISO proposed doing EQR filing statements on a daily basis when final reports are available and leaving them available to members for 15 days. If the CAISO processes the entire month's data at one time it will only be available for a few days before it gets archived due to its larger size.

CAISO can provide the EQR report on a preliminary and a final basis, and some participants indicated that would work fine since they will append daily data to a database and then update when the final is available. CAISO will publish report on prelim and final trade date and make it available in EQR format.

It was noted that with Phase 1B, charge code 407 goes to 4407 – and will essentially be \$0 for most all companies after Phase 1B is implemented.

One participant stated that because of the three percent deviation allowed, there is a large uninstructed energy charge, and that is a lot of data that FERC really doesn't want or need. FERC staff responded that the way Order 2001 was written, that balancing energy was to be included in the EQR filing.