



Winter 2013-2014 Operations and Market Performance in Regional Transmission Organizations and Independent System Operators

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Agenda

The purpose of this technical conference is to explore the impacts of recent cold weather events on the Regional Transmission Organizations (RTOs) and Independent System Operators (ISOs) and discuss actions taken to respond to those impacts.

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| 9:00am - 9:15am | Welcome and Opening Remarks |
| 9:15am – 10:00am | Staff Presentation by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Office of Enforcement |
| 10:00am – 12:30pm | Panel 1: Presentations by RTOs/ISOs |

Each RTO/ISO will have the opportunity to present for 20 minutes and is encouraged to explain: (1) the steps it took to prepare for the cold weather events; (2) the operational conditions leading into the day-ahead; (3) the operator actions taken to address events prior to day-ahead, day-ahead, and in real-time; (4) the information that was available from and provided to natural gas pipelines, natural gas marketers, electric generators, customers, and others, as appropriate; and (5) how it accounted for that information as part of its operations. The RTOs/ISOs should be prepared to discuss observations about regional market performance and lessons learned that would be relevant to improving performance of the Commission-regulated markets. Following each presentation, there will be time for questions from the Commissioners.

Panelists:

- Brad Bouillon, California Independent System Operator
- Peter Brandien, ISO-New England
- Richard Doying, Midcontinent Independent System Operator
- Wesley Yeomans, New York Independent System Operator
- Michael Kormos, PJM Interconnection
- Bruce Rew, Southwest Power Pool

12:30pm – 1:30pm Lunch

1:30pm – 3:45pm Panel 2: Stakeholders Discussion

Each panelist will have 10 minutes to provide information on the following three topics:

1. **Experiences during the cold weather events:** Describe experience and observations during the cold weather events, the information that was available to assist in preparation, and the actions taken in real-time to respond.
2. **Lessons learned:** Explain the most important lesson(s) learned, particularly as relevant to regional electric market prices and performance, adequacy of infrastructure, fuel procurement, and fuel diversity.
3. **Policy implications:** Share observations about changes that could be made to improve the performance of Commission-regulated markets during future extreme weather events. Panelists are encouraged to highlight any short-term operational, fuel procurement, or other changes that may be necessary before next winter. Additionally, they should share their views on any long-term improvements needed in the future more generally.

Panelists

- John Sturm, ACES Power Marketing
- Donald Sipe, American Forest & Paper
- John Joncic, BP
- Donald Schneider, First Energy
- David Devine, Kinder Morgan
- Paula Carmody, Maryland Office of the People's Counsel
- James Stanzione, National Grid
- Abraham Silverman, NRG

- Melvin Christopher, Pacific Gas & Electric
- James Tramuto, Southwestern Energy

During this panel, a representative from each RTO/ISO will be present to answer technical questions that arise.

3:45pm – 4:00pm Break

**4:00pm – 5:00pm Roundtable Discussion with FERC Commissioners,
State Commission Representatives, and RTOs/ISOs**

FERC Commissioners and state commission representatives from each region will participate in a discussion with the representatives from the RTOs/ISOs to review what was heard during the day and consider lessons learned.

State Commission Representatives:

- James Volz, Chair, Vermont Public Service Board
- Audrey Zibelman, Chair, New York State Public Service Commission:
- Lawrence Brenner, Commissioner, Maryland Public Service Commission
- Eric Callisto, Commissioner, Wisconsin Public Service Commission
- Donna Nelson, Chair, Public Utility Commission of Texas
- California Public Utilities Commission (invited)

5:00pm – 5:15pm Closing