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Technical Conference on Environmental Regulations and Electric Reliability, Wholesale Electricity Markets, and Energy Infrastructure Docket No. AD15-4-000

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF TECHNICAL CONFERENCES

(January 6, 2015)

As announced in the Notice of Technical Conferences issued on December 9, 2014,¹ the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) will hold a series of technical conferences to discuss implications of compliance approaches to the Clean Power Plan proposed rule, issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on June 2, 2014.² The technical conferences will focus on issues related to electric reliability, wholesale electric markets and operations, and energy infrastructure. The Commission will hold a National Overview technical conference on February 19, 2015, from approximately 10:00 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. This conference is free of charge and open to the public. The agenda for the National Overview technical conference is attached to this Supplemental Notice of Technical Conferences.

Following the National Overview technical conference, the Commission will hold three regional technical conferences on the following dates:

Western Region³ February 25, 2015 Denver, CO

¹ Technical Conference on Environmental Regulations and Electric Reliability, Wholesale Electricity Markets, and Energy Infrastructure, Docket No. AD15-4-000, (Dec. 9, 2014) (Notice of Technical Conferences), *available at* <http://www.ferc.gov/CalendarFiles/20141209165657-AD15-4-000TC.pdf>.

² Carbon Pollution Emission Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units, *Federal Register*, 79 Fed. Reg. 34,830 (2014) (Proposed Rule), *available at* <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-06-18/pdf/2014-13725.pdf>.

³ For purposes of this conference, the Western Region includes all the areas with the Western Interconnection, including the California Independent System Operator (CAISO).

Eastern Region ⁴	March 11, 2015	Washington, DC
Central Region ⁵	March 31, 2015	St. Louis, MO

The National Overview technical conference will be Commission-led. The regional technical conferences will be staff-led. Commission members may participate in the regional technical conferences. The Commission will issue subsequent notices detailing the list of speakers at the National Overview technical conference and the specific location, agenda, and topics for discussion at each regional technical conference.

Registration for the National Overview technical conference is available at <https://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/02-19-15-form.asp>. Those interested in attending the National Overview conference are encouraged to register by close of business on February 13, 2015. The Commission will provide details on registration for the regional technical conferences in subsequent notices.

The Commission will post information on the technical conferences on the Calendar of Events on the Commission's website, <http://www.ferc.gov>, prior to the conferences. The National Overview technical conference will also be webcast and transcribed. The webcast of the National Overview technical conference will be available through a link on the Commission's Calendar of Events available at <http://www.ferc.gov>. The event within the Calendar of Events 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 <http://www.CapitolConnection.org> or call (703) 993-3100. Transcripts of the technical conference will be available for a fee from Ace-Federal Reporters, Inc. ((202) 347-3700 or 1 (800) 336-6646).

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⁴ For purposes of this conference, the Eastern Region includes the following Commission-approved Order No. 1000 planning regions: ISO New England, Inc. (ISO-NE), PJM Interconnection, LLC (PJM), New York Independent System Operator (NYISO), Southeastern Regional Transmission Planning (SERTP), South Carolina Regional Transmission Planning (SCRTP), and Florida Reliability Coordinating Council (FRCC). This region also includes the Northern Maine Independent System Administrator (NMISA).

⁵ For purposes of this conference, the Central Region includes the following Commission-approved Order No. 1000 planning regions: Midcontinent Independent System Operator Inc. (MISO) and Southwest Power Pool (SPP). This region also includes the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT).

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Agenda

10:00am – 10:15am **Welcome and opening remarks**

10:15am – 10:45am **Overview of the Clean Power Plan**

A representative from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will provide an overview of the proposed Clean Power Plan.¹

10:45am – 12:45pm **Electric reliability considerations**

In developing compliance approaches to the proposed Clean Power Plan, it will be important to consider potential implications for electric reliability. This session will discuss how to sustain reliability as states and regions develop their plans to comply with the proposed rule. This panel will focus on how state, regional, and federal plans for compliance could affect grid operations, the tools available to identify potential reliability impacts, and how reliability planning processes and compliance planning efforts can be coordinated to address potential issues. This session should include a discussion of the Commission's role in this area.

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Panelists should be prepared to discuss the following topics and questions:

1. What operational issues could arise under different compliance approaches? Are there operational issues that could arise if neighboring states adopt different methods of compliance?
2. What tools are available to address these potential issues and ensure that electric reliability is maintained as states and regions comply with the proposed rule?
3. How will entities responsible for electric system planning (e.g., reliability entities, state public utility commissions, grid operators) coordinate with entities responsible for developing state and regional plans to comply with the proposed rule?
4. Are additional tools or processes needed to address any potential operational issues or ensure coordination between relevant entities?

12:45pm – 1:45pm Lunch

1:45pm – 3:30pm Identifying and addressing infrastructure needs

Compliance with the Clean Power Plan may drive the need for infrastructure regulated by the Commission. This session will focus on potential infrastructure needs that may arise from state or regional compliance approaches, and how any infrastructure needs can be met in a timely manner in order to ensure system reliability. Panelists will be asked to discuss mechanisms to identify potential infrastructure needs and how relevant planning entities, industry, and states coordinate reliability and infrastructure planning and siting processes with state and/or regional environmental compliance efforts to ensure the adequate and timely development of new infrastructure.

Panelists should be prepared to discuss the following topics and questions:

1. What mechanisms can be used to identify potential infrastructure needs and ensure that adequate infrastructure will be built in sufficient time to comply with the proposed rule? Are additional mechanisms needed?
2. What are the primary challenges, if any, in coordinating planning processes to evaluate energy infrastructure needs?
3. How could various compliance approaches impact the need for additional infrastructure?
4. Are adaptations to current Commission policies needed to facilitate the infrastructure needed for compliance with the proposed Clean Power Plan?

3:30pm – 3:45pm Break

3:45pm – 5:15pm Potential implications for Commission-jurisdictional markets

Compliance approaches to the proposed Clean Power Plan could have an impact on Commission-jurisdictional electric and natural gas markets. This session will consider how potential compliance approaches may interact with these markets. Panelists will be asked to discuss what aspects, if any, of the wholesale and interstate markets would facilitate implementation of state or regional compliance plans. In addition, panelists will be asked what tools are available to address market issues as they arise and what opportunities are available to coordinate compliance approaches with Commission-jurisdictional markets to meet the requirements of the proposed rule.

Panelists should be prepared to discuss the following topics and questions:

1. Are there specific features of Commission-jurisdictional markets that can be utilized to facilitate the implementation of state or regional compliance plans?
2. What unique market issues could arise under specific compliance approaches (e.g., individual state compliance plans, regional compliance approaches, etc.)?
3. What adaptations in the current markets could be necessary as state or regional compliance plans are developed?

5:15pm – 5:45pm Wrap up and closing remarks