

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Interconnection Queuing Practices Technical Conference
Agenda
December 11, 2007**

9:30 a.m. Opening Remarks

Chairman Joseph T. Kelliher, Commissioner Suedeen G. Kelly,
Commissioner Marc Spitzer, Commissioner Philip D. Moeller,
Commissioner Jon Wellinohoff

10:00 a.m. Agenda Overview

Ray Palmer, Chief, Energy Innovations Sector, Office of Energy Market
Regulation

**10:05 a.m. First Panel: Importance of Improving Queue Management - State
Policy Perspectives**

John Norris, Chairman, Iowa Utilities Board, and President, Organization
of MISO States

Ron Binz, Chairman, Colorado Public Utilities Commission

Anne C. George, Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Public Utility
Control

Jerry Lein, Public Utility Analyst, North Dakota Public Service
Commission

Laurence G. Chaset, Senior Counsel, California Public Utilities
Commission

*This first panel will address how current queue processes are affecting the
attainment of State policy goals such as renewable portfolio standards,
resource adequacy requirements, and fuel diversification.*

11:00 a.m. Second Panel: Improving Queue Management in the Midwest

Stephen G. Kozey, Vice President of General Counsel and Secretary,
Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.

Charles Hendrix, Senior Engineer, Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

Dean Gosselin, Vice President, Wind Development, FPL Energy

Kris Zadlo, Vice President, Transmission, Calpine Corporation

Don Furman, Senior Vice President, PPM Energy

Robert Gramlich, Policy Director, American Wind Energy Association

12:30 p.m. Lunch break

1:30 p.m. Third Panel: Improving Queue Management in the West

Armando Perez, Vice President, Planning and Infrastructure Development, California Independent System Operator

Elliot Mainzer, Manager, Transmission Policy and Strategy, Bonneville Power Administration

Dennis Desmarais, Director, Transmission Services, PacifiCorp

Ronald Litzinger, Senior Vice President, Transmission and Distribution, Southern California Edison Company

Jan Smutny-Jones, Executive Director, Independent Energy Producers Association

Joshua Bar-Lev, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, Brightsource Energy

William Engelbrecht, Vice President, Planning and Analysis, Sempra Generation

3:00 p.m. Fourth Panel: Improving Queue Management in the East

Steven R. Herling, Vice President, Planning, PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Stephen J. Rourke, Vice President, System Planning, ISO New England, Inc.

Sean Finnerty, Senior Vice President, Wind Development, Competitive Power Ventures, Inc.

Mack Thompson, Vice President, Power Supply Services, American

Municipal Power-Ohio

Angela O'Connor, President, New England Power Generators Association

The second, third, and fourth panels will address the following questions:

What is the current queue situation in your region?

What queue management improvements would be most effective and which could be implemented most quickly? What changes if any could be implemented within the transmission provider's current tariff and which would require a change in the tariff? What changes are already accommodated by the flexibility provided in Order No. 2003?

What experience has been gained with the voluntary clustering permitted by Order No. 2003? Should the Commission require clustering? What methods of clustering and clustering periods have been tried and which have been the most effective?

To what extent is queue management hampered by large numbers of requests that are eventually withdrawn? Should the financial and other commitments required to obtain and retain a queue position be increased? If so, what disadvantages does this present transmission and interconnection customers, particularly smaller customers? Could improvements in the availability or transparency of certain information relevant to project siting decisions, such as congestion or ancillary service costs, reduce the number of requests in the queue that are ultimately withdrawn?

Are there alternatives to the first-come, first-served approach to processing interconnection and transmission service requests that should be considered? For example, would an open season process in which generators with committed buyers are processed in advance of other generators be an improvement or would it be unduly discriminatory for other customers competing to develop new generation or serve load?

Within the footprint of Regional Transmission Organizations (RTOs) and Independent System Operators (ISOs), what is the most efficient and fair division of responsibility between the RTO/ISO and the transmission owners in processing the queues?

Do current approaches to modeling of system impacts contribute to delays in processing queues, and, if so, how might this be addressed?