

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Implementation Issues Under the Public  
Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978

Docket No. AD16-16-000

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF TECHNICAL CONFERENCE

(May 9, 2016)

As announced in the Notice of Technical Conference issued in this proceeding on February 9, 2016, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) will hold a technical conference on June 29, 2016, from 9:00 am to approximately 4:00 pm on implementation issues under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA).<sup>1</sup> The conference will be held in the Commission Meeting Room at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

The purpose of the technical conference is to focus on issues associated with the Commission's implementation of PURPA. As noted in the preliminary agenda previously issued in this proceeding,<sup>2</sup> the conference will focus on two issues: the mandatory purchase obligation under PURPA and the determination of avoided costs for those purchases.

An updated Agenda for the technical conference, including speakers, is attached.

Panelists are invited to submit written comments (10 page limit) in advance of this technical conference, no later than June 7, 2016. These statements will be available prior to the conference on the Commission's web site. Panelists will have the opportunity to make opening remarks (3 minute limit) at the start of the respective panels.

Those who plan to attend the technical conference are strongly encouraged to complete the registration form located at: <https://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/06-29-16-form.asp>. There is no registration deadline or fee to attend the conference.

Information on this event will be posted on the Calendar of Events on the Commission's web site, <http://www.ferc.gov>, prior to the event. The conference will be transcribed. Transcripts will be available for a fee from Ace Reporting Company (202-347-3700). A free webcast of this event is also available through [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov). Anyone with

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<sup>1</sup> 16 U.S.C. 824a-3 (2012).

<sup>2</sup> Supplemental Notice Concerning Technical Conference, 81 Fed. Reg. 12,726 (2016).

Internet access who desires to view this event can do so by navigating to <http://www.ferc.gov> Calendar of Events and locating this event in the Calendar. The event 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 [www.CapitolConnection.org](http://www.CapitolConnection.org) or call 703-993-3100.

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While this conference is not for the purpose of discussing specific cases, we note that the discussions at the conference may address matters at issue in the following Commission proceedings that are either pending or within their rehearing period:

Occidental Chemical Corporation	Docket No. EL13-41-000
Occidental Chemical Corporation	Docket Nos. EL14-28-000 QF00-64-002
Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc.	Docket No. EL16-39-000
Bright Light Capital, LLC	Docket Nos. EL16-43-000 QF16-259-001
Nebraska Public Power District	Docket No. QM16-1-000
Ameren Illinois Company and Union Electric Company	Docket No. QM16-2-000
Gregory and Beverly Swecker v. Midland Power Cooperative	Docket Nos. EL14-9-000 QF11-424-002
Gregory and Beverly Swecker v. Midland Power Cooperative and Central Iowa Power Cooperative	Docket No. EL14-18-000
Interconnect Solar Development LLC	Docket Nos. EL16-55-000 QF11-204-002 QF11-205-002
SunE B9 Holdings, LLC	Docket Nos. EL16-58-000

QF15-793-001  
QF15-794-001  
QF15-795-001

Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc.	Docket No. QM16-3-000
Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc.	Docket No. EL16-62-000
Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority	Docket No. EL16-67-000

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**Technical Conference on Implementation Issues Under the  
Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978  
Docket No. AD16-16-000  
June 29, 2016**

**Agenda**

The technical conference will focus on issues associated with the Commission's implementation of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA).<sup>1</sup> As specified by the Commission, the conference will focus on two issues: the mandatory purchase obligation under PURPA and the determination of avoided costs for those purchases.

**9:00 am – 9:15 am**                      **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

**9:15 am – 12:00 pm**                  **Panel 1: Mandatory Purchase Obligations**

Panel 1 will address issues related to the Commission's regulations implementing the mandatory purchase obligation under PURPA in light of changes in the electricity markets since the enactment of PURPA.

Panelists are encouraged to address the following:

- Application of the "one-mile rule," including implications of the "one-mile rule" on current electricity markets and its implications for utilities' long-range resource planning efforts.
- The rebuttable presumption that the Commission has adopted in the context of PURPA section 210(m) that qualifying facilities (QFs) 20 megawatts and below do not have nondiscriminatory access to competitive organized wholesale markets and the barriers to access encountered by these facilities.
- When a QF can be curtailed.
- The impact of utility contracting practices on QF transactions.
- The impact of utility interconnection practices on QF transactions.

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- The obligation to purchase “as available” power.
- The obligation to sell supplemental, standby, backup and maintenance power to a QF.
- The obligation to purchase pursuant to legally enforceable obligations, particularly as these issues arise in new and emerging markets.
- The impact the emerging energy imbalance market in the West may have on the mandatory purchase obligation.

**Panelists:**

- Charles Bayless, NC Electric Membership Cooperative and National Rural Electric Cooperative Association
- Jerry Bloom, California Cogeneration Council
- Kendal Bowman, Duke Energy
- Laura Chappelle, Michigan IPPC
- Allison Clements, NRDC FERC Project
- Todd Glass, Solar Energy Industries Association
- Robert Kahn, Northwest & Intermountain Power Producers Coalition
- Paul Kjellander, Idaho Public Utilities Commission
- Irene Kowalczyk, Industrial Energy Consumers of America
- Joel Schmidt, Alliant, Edison Electric Institute

**12:00 pm – 1:00 pm      Lunch**

**1:00 pm – 3:30 pm      Panel 2: Avoided Cost Calculations**

Panel 2 will address the various methods for calculating avoided cost, including the system average method, the use of natural gas prices and other fuel price indices in setting avoided cost, and setting avoided costs through auctions and/or requests for proposals.

Panelists are encouraged to address the following:

- Assumptions and analyses that are used to develop avoided costs.
- Whether and how various pricing methodologies are consistent with PURPA.
- The strengths and weaknesses of different avoided cost pricing methodologies.
- Potential improvements to current pricing methodologies.
- Whether an avoided cost methodology may reflect the locational and/or time value of QF output.
- The role of wholesale market revenues in developing avoided cost calculations.
- Methodologies for the determination of avoided costs for capacity and for long and short-term arrangements.

**Panelists:**

- Al Brogan, Northwest Energy/Edison Electric Institute
- Jeff Burleson, Southern Company
- Todd Foley, American Council on Renewable Energy
- Sarah Hofmann, Vermont Public Utilities Board
- John Hughes, ELCON
- Travis Kavulla, NARUC
- Kristine Raper, Idaho Public Utilities Commission
- Ken Rose, Michigan IPPC
- Don Sipe, American Forest & Paper Association
- Michael Wise, Golden Spread Electric Cooperative

**3:30 pm – 4:00 pm**

**Wrap-Up and Closing Remarks**