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Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD03-7-002]

Natural Gas Price Formation; Second Supplemental Notice of Staff Workshop on Market Activity and Price Indicators

October 29, 2003.

As announced in the Notices issued October 15 and the Supplemental Notice of October 23, 2003, the Commission's staff will hold a Workshop from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, November 4, 2003, at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. This second supplemental Notice provides additional information on the Workshop.

Workshop Presentations

This Workshop is intended to be a substantive and informative discussion of the issues and questions contained in the October 15th and 23rd, 2003 Notices by those participating in the Workshop, and presentations are not expected. However if participants deem it necessary to make brief presentations (up to 5 minutes) to make a point on any of these issues or questions, they may do so.

If you decide a presentation is necessary, Jolanka Fisher must be notified as soon as possible to determine if and how your presentation fits into the Workshop's program. Please plan on bringing 100 paper copies for Workshop attendees. In addition, to allow teleconference participants access to the presentation, please submit the presentations in electronic format via FERC's e-Filing system at www.ferc.gov. Select the filing type "Production of Document" and file under Docket No. AD03-7-002. Contact FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call 1-866-208-3676 if you need assistance with the electronic filing system. Please

file your presentation electronically by 9 am on Tuesday, November 4. This will ensure that all presentations are made part of the official record and will allow for timely posting on FERC's Public Calendar, which can be accessed at: <http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventDetails.aspx?ID=513&CalType=&Date=11%2f4%2f2003&CalendarID=0>. Anyone wishing to bring or file a position paper in connection with the issues and questions being discussed at this Workshop is welcome to do so.

Workshop Format

The Workshop will be in roundtable format. It will begin with the price publishers describing current practices, and the availability of liquidity and market activity information. The remainder of the Workshop will allow other participants to address the issues and questions contained in the Notices issued on October 15 and 23, 2003.

For additional information please contact Jolanka Fisher, 202-502-8863 or by e-mail at Jolanka.Fisher@ferc.gov.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. ER02-1656-000, ER03-1046-000, RT01-85-000, and RM01-12-000]

California Independent System Operator Corp., Remedying Undue Discrimination Through Open Access Transmission Service and Standard Electricity Market Design; Notice of Technical Conference

October 29, 2003.

As announced in the Notice of Technical Conference issued on August 15, 2003, a technical conference will be held on November 6, 2003, to discuss with states and market participants in California the timetables for addressing wholesale power market design issues and to explore ways to provide flexibility the region may need to meet the requirements of the final rule in this proceeding. Members of the Commission will attend and participate in the discussion.

The conference will focus on the issues identified in the agenda, which is appended to this notice as Attachment A. However, participants/stakeholders may present their views on other important issues that relate to the

development of the Wholesale Power Market Platform.

The conference will begin at 10 a.m. Pacific Time and will adjourn at about 5 p.m. Pacific Time in the auditorium of the California Public Utilities Commission, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California. The conference is open for the public to attend, and registration is not required; however, in-person attendees are asked to register for the conference on-line by close of business on Tuesday, November 4, 2003, at http://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/smd_1106-form.asp.

Transcripts of the conference will be immediately available from Ace Reporting Company (202-347-3700 or 1-800-336-6646) for a fee. They will be available for the public on the Commission's "eLibrary" seven calendar days after FERC receives the transcript. Additionally, Capitol Connection offers the opportunity to remotely listen to the conference via the Internet or a Phone Bridge Connection for a fee. Interested persons should make arrangements as soon as possible by visiting the Capitol Connection Web site at <http://www.capitolconnection.gmu.edu> and clicking on "FERC." If you have any questions contact David Reininger or Julia Morelli at the Capitol Connection (703-993-3100).

For more information about the conference, please contact: Sarah McKinley at (202) 502-8004 or sarah.mckinley@ferc.gov.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

Appendix A—Agenda

10-10:20 a.m.—Opening Remarks

- Pat Wood, III, Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
- Michael Peevey, President, California Public Utilities Commission
- William Keese, Chairman, California Energy Commission

10:20-10:40 a.m. Discussion of the State of the California ISO's Market Redesign

- California ISO Presentation: Overview of Current Operations of the CAISO, including MD02 Phase 1A—Spence Gerber
- FERC Staff Presentation: Overview of MD02 Phases 1B, 2 and 3 Elements, including recent FERC actions—JB Shipley

10:40-12 p.m.—Implementation Issues Related to Locational Marginal Pricing and Grid Congestion Management with Congestion Revenue Rights

Discussion Topics

- Does the CAISO MD02 Proposal:
 - * Provide native load with sufficient CRRs to hedge existing load and a process to hedge anticipated load growth?

* Provide market participants who wish to hold CRRs an adequate opportunity to obtain them?

* Properly maintain existing rights and obligations for transmission service in the transition to the full network model?

* Properly maintain existing rights and obligations to provide energy and capacity in the transition to the full network model?

* Adequately protect customers from congestion charges consistent with existing implicit and explicit transmission rights?

* Affect scheduling or other rights under existing contracts?

Panelists

Ann Cohn, Southern California Edison Company

Lorenzo Kristof, California Independent System Operator

Phil Auclair, Mirant

Jim Caldwell, American Wind Energy Association

Joe Desmond, Silicon Valley Manufacturers 12–12:10 p.m.—Break

12:10–1:30 p.m.—Transitional Issues: Existing Transmission Contracts (ETCs) and Bilateral Contracts

Discussion Topics:

Does the CAISO MD02 Proposal:

* Adequately alleviate “phantom congestion” and its financial impact?

* Properly incorporate rights under bilateral contracts and ETCs into the overall market?

* Clearly address any impact of LMP on contracts that have only a broadly defined delivery point, *i.e.*, seller’s choice contracts?

Panelists

Steve Metague, Pacific Gas & Electric Company

Brian Theaker, California Independent System Operator

Tony Braun, California Municipal Utilities Association

Steve Schleimer, Calpine Corp.

Pete Garriss, California Department of Water Resources

Tom Hoatson, Goldman Sachs

1:30–2:30 p.m.—Lunch

2:30–2:45 p.m.—Opening Remarks

• California Public Utilities Commission Presentation: Overview of Current Procurement Proceeding and Energy Action Plan and Infrastructure Development in California—Paul Clanon

2:45–3:45 p.m.—Market Mitigation, Resource Adequacy under the White Paper and its Relationship to Market Design Elements

Discussion Topics

How is California addressing Resource Adequacy and does it:

* Create a structure that supports long-term pricing and investment?

* Result in the appropriate signals for load and generation to forward contract?

* Provide for the appropriate relationship between resource adequacy and the ISO market design elements, such as market power mitigation?

* Provide for an appropriate mechanism for financing new power plants and retaining existing merchant generation in operation?

Panelists

Curtis Kebler, Reliant Resources, Inc.

Jim Hendry, California Public Utilities Commission

Keith Casey, California Independent System Operator

Jan Smutney-Jones, Independent Energy Producers Association

Severin Borenstein, University of California Energy Institute

3:45–4:30 p.m.—Regional Decision-making: The Western Grid and State/Regional Committees

Discussion Topics

* Are there any additional processes that need to be overlaid to achieve broader regional views/goals, especially where one state comprises an RSC?

* Is it necessary to formalize a structure to address such western issues as transmission planning, access to market data for regulatory authorities, and market monitoring? If so, what are some possible vehicles for creating such a structure?

* How would recognition of an RSC be gained from FERC?

* How will a single-state RSC ensure regional infrastructure planning, *e.g.*, bridge the various regional processes such as STEP and Northwest Planning?

Panelists

Steve Greenleaf, California Independent System Operator

Gary Ackerman, Western Power Trading Forum

Don Garber, San Diego Gas & Electric Company

Barbara Hale, California Public Utilities Commission

Yakout Mansour, British Columbia Transmission Co.

Sunne Wright McPeak, California Power Authority

4:30–5 p.m.—Discussion of Next Steps

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–7583–2]

Request for Applications, Ecology and Oceanography of Harmful Algal Blooms Program

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of financial assistance for project assistance.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to advise the public that the participating agencies are soliciting individual research proposals of up to 3 years duration, and depending on appropriations, multi-disciplinary regional studies of 3 to 5 years duration for the Ecology and Oceanography of Harmful Algal Blooms (ECOHAB) program. This program provides support

for research on algal species whose populations may cause or result in deleterious effects on ecosystems and human health. Studies of the causes of such blooms, their detection, effects, mitigation, and control in U.S. coastal waters (including estuaries and Great Lakes) are solicited. This document details the requirements for applications for research support that will be considered by the Federal research partnership. The complete program announcement can be accessed on the Internet at <http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/> under “Science To Achieve Results (STAR) Research Grants”.

DATES: The deadline for applications is January 28, 2004 by 4 EST.

ADDRESSES: Submit the original and eighteen copies of your proposal to the Coastal Ocean Program Office, N/SCI2, SSMC#4, 8th Floor, Room 8243, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. The required forms for applications with instructions are accessible on the Internet at <http://es.epa.gov/ncerqa/rfa/forms/download.html>. Forms may be printed from this site.

Awards: Final selection of awardees by the participating agencies will be determined on the basis of peer and panel recommendations, applicability of the proposed effort to the interests of an agency, and the availability of funds. It is anticipated that each award will be made and be administered by a single agency; however, in the case of multi-institutional projects, two or more agencies may provide assistance. In the latter case, each agency may provide funding for an individual project component and/or institution. Applications recommended for funding will require additional certifications, possibly a revised budget, responses to any comments or suggestions offered by the reviewers, and an electronic version of the revised project abstract. Awards will be subject to the terms and conditions of the sponsoring agency.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Technical Information: Quay Dortch, ECOHAB Coordinator, CSCOR/COP Office, 301–713–3338/ext 157, e-mail: quay.dortch@noaa.gov. Administrative Information: Gina Perovich, EPA/NCER, 202–564–2248, e-mail: perovich.gina@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Program Goals and Topic Areas

The National Center for Environmental Research/Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); the Coastal Ocean Program and the Office of Protected Resources/National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration