

comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

q. Comments, protests, and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. *See*, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "e-Filing" link.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. ER04-48-000, RT04-01-000, ER04-434-000, ER99-4392-000, and RM01-12-000]

Southwest Power Pool, Inc., Remedying Undue Discrimination Through Open Access Transmission Service and Standard Electricity Market Design; Notice of Technical Conference

February 18, 2004.

Take notice that a technical conference for the Southwest Power Pool, Inc. (SPP) will be held on Friday, March 19, from approximately 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. central standard time at the Hyatt Regency DFW, inside the Dallas/Ft. Worth Airport in Dallas, Texas. Members of the Commission will attend and participate in the discussions.

This conference shall be one in a series of regional technical conferences announced in the White Paper issued in this docket on April 28, 2003. The Commission intends to use this conference to discuss with states and market participants reasonable timetables for RTO development activities to benefit customers within the region.

Individual panelists will be invited to participate in this conference. Further details of the conference, including the agenda, will be specified in a subsequent notice. All interested persons may attend the conference, and registration is not required. However, in-person attendees are encouraged to register on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/smd-0319-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 system seven calendar days after FERC receives the transcript. Additionally, Capitol Connection offers the opportunity for remote listening of the conference via Real Audio or a Phone Bridge Connection for a fee. Persons interested in making arrangements should contact David Reininger or Julia Morelli at the Capitol Connection (703-993-3100) as soon as possible or visit the Capitol Connection Web site at <http://www.capitolconnection.org> and click on "FERC."

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

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[Docket Nos. RM01-8-000 and ER02-2001-000]

Revised Public Utility Filing Requirements Electric Quarterly Reports; Notice of Electric Quarterly Reports Information

February 18, 2004.

This notice announces:

- The availability of a new version of Electric Quarterly Report (EQR) submission software (2.0) which implements the changes mandated in Order No. 2001-E.
- A two-day EQR Users Group Workshop in Washington, DC, on March 11 and 12, 2004.
- An outreach session for western EQR filers on February 24, 2004, at the California ISO.
- The availability of a function to download the entire EQR database to a remote site.

On April 25, 2002, the Commission issued Order No. 2001,¹ a final rule which requires public utilities to file Electric Quarterly Reports. Order 2001-E, issued December 23, 2003, made

¹ Revised Public Utility Filing Requirements, Order No. 2001, 67 FR 31043, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,127 (April 25, 2002); *reh'g denied*, Order No. 2001-A, 100 FERC ¶ 61,074, *reconsideration and clarification denied*, Order No. 2001-B, 100 FERC ¶ 61,342 (2002).

certain changes in the filing requirements which are effective beginning with the first quarter 2004 filing, due April 30, 2004. The enhancements have been made to the EQR submission software and users' EQR software will be automatically updated to the new version when they open their software on a computer that is connected to the Internet. A newly revised Users Guide and guidance for the changes resulting from Order No. 2001-E have been posted on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/eqr/eqr-soft.asp>.

On March 11 and 12, 2004, there will be an EQR Users Group Workshop. All interested parties are invited to attend. The meeting will be held in the Commission Meeting Room at FERC headquarters, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC. For those unable to attend in person, access to some of the workshop sessions will be available by teleconference. These sessions are intended to be interactive meetings with considerable discussion of detailed elements of the EQR.

The teleconferenced Users Group Meeting will run from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 11 and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, March 12. There will be informal working sessions Thursday morning, from 9:30 a.m. until 12 p.m., and Friday afternoon, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Those sessions will not be available via teleconference. Those interested in participating in person or via teleconference are asked to register online by March 1, 2004, at http://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/eqr_0311-form.asp. There is no registration fee.

On February 24, 2004, Barbara Bourque (EQR Program Manager) and Steven Reich will hold an EQR outreach session at the offices of the California Independent System Operator. The meeting will be held at 151 Blue Ravine Road in Folsom, California and will run from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. It will include a discussion of the changes mandated by Order No. 2001-E and an extended question and answer session. Those interested in attending the meeting are asked to register online by 11 a.m. Pacific time on Friday, February 20, 2004, at http://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/eqr_0224-form.asp. There is no registration fee. Questions and comments may be submitted in advance by filing them in ER02-2001 as described below, or by submitting them online at <http://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/question-form.asp>.

Beginning February 18, 2004, interested parties may download a copy of the entire EQR database from the

FERC Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/eqr/database-down-new.asp>. The database is in Visual FoxPro (VFP) format. The file is over 500 MB compressed, expanding to over 7,500 MB when decompressed. This file will be updated each Saturday, and only one user at a time will be allowed to download it because of its size. For that reason and because of the computer sophistication required to use a VFP database, only parties with IT departments capable of supporting the database should attempt to download it.

Interested parties wishing to file comments may do so under the above-captioned Docket Numbers. Those filings will be available for review at the Commission or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or via phone at (866) 208-3676 (toll-free). For TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

For additional information, please contact Barbara Bourque of FERC's Office of Market Oversight & Investigations at (202) 502-8338 or by e-mail, Barbara.bourque@ferc.gov.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Proposed Amendment to Second Consent Decree, Clean Air Act Citizen Suit

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of proposed amendment to second consent decree regarding Portland, Maine; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 113(g) of the Clean Air Act, as amended ("Act"), 42 U.S.C. 7413(g), notice is hereby given of a proposed amendment to the second partial consent decree, to address a lawsuit filed by Sierra Club and the Group Against SMOG and Pollution in the District Court for the District of Columbia: *Sierra Club and Group Against SMOG and Pollution, Inc. v. Leavitt*, No. 1:00CV02206 (D. D.C.). On or about September 14, 2000, Sierra Club and the Group Against

SMOG and Pollution filed a complaint seeking to require EPA to take final actions regarding determinations of whether several PM-10 and ozone nonattainment areas had attained the pertinent air quality standards by their attainment dates. EPA and the plaintiffs previously settled the claims regarding a number of the nonattainment areas, including Portland, Maine, in prior consent decrees. EPA and the plaintiffs are now proposing to amend the consent decree concerning Portland to extend the date for EPA's final action regarding Portland. Under the terms of the proposed amendment to the second consent decree, EPA will sign for publication in the **Federal Register** the Administrator's final determination pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 7511(b)(2) on whether the Portland area did or did not attain the 1-hour national ambient air quality standards for ozone by the applicable attainment date.

DATES: Written comments on the proposed amendment to second consent decree must be received by March 25, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by docket ID number OGC-2004-0003, online at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket> (EPA's preferred method); by e-mail to oei.docket@epa.gov; mailed to EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mailcode: 2822T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; or by hand delivery or courier to EPA Docket Center, EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. Comments on a disk or CD-ROM should be formatted in Wordperfect or ASCII file, avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption, and may be mailed to the mailing address above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kevin McLean, Air and Radiation Law Office (2344A), Office of General Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460. telephone: (202) 564-5564.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Additional Information About the Proposed Amendment to Second Consent Decree

The proposed amendment to the second consent decree expects that the Maine Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP") will notify EPA in writing by March 1, 2004 that it has issued and made publicly available a study, including supporting data on the

feasibility of implementing the California Zero Emission Vehicle ("ZEV") mandate in Maine. In addition, the proposed amendment to the second consent decree expects that the Maine DEP will submit for EPA's approval eight specific revisions to its State Implementation Plan by dates set forth in the consent decree. The proposed amendment to the consent decree provides that if Maine DEP does not make its ZEV study publicly available by the specified date or if EPA does not find the SIP revisions complete or approve them by specified dates, EPA is to take final action regarding the determination of attainment for Portland. If, however, the ZEV study is made publicly available and EPA approves all of the eight SIP revisions, then EPA is to have no further obligations under the consent decree.

For a period of thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, the Agency will receive written comments relating to the proposed amendment to second consent decree from persons who were not named as parties or interveners to the litigation in question. EPA or the Department of Justice may withdraw or withhold consent to the proposed amendment to second consent decree if the comments disclose facts or considerations that indicate that such consent is inappropriate, improper, inadequate, or inconsistent with the requirements of the Act. Unless EPA or the Department of Justice determine, based on any comment which may be submitted, that consent to the amendment to the second consent decree should be withdrawn, the terms of the decree will be affirmed.

II. Additional Information About Commenting on the Proposed Amendment to Second Consent Decree

A. How Can I Get a Copy of the Amendment to the Second Consent Decree?

EPA has established an official public docket for this action under Docket ID No. OGC-2004-0003 which contains a copy of the amendment to second consent decree. The official public docket is available for public viewing at the Office of Environmental Information (OEI) Docket in the EPA Docket Center, EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the OEI Docket is (202) 566-1752.