

waters at the Keowee-Toxaway Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2503), and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed non-project use. The non-project use of project lands and waters is located on Lake Keowee in Pickens County, South Carolina.

In the application, Duke Power requests Commission authorization to lease 63 acres of project land to Warpath Development, Inc. to construct and maintain a public recreation area at the Warpath Access Area. The public recreation area would include water related facilities and services, outdoor recreation opportunities, lodging, and dining. The EA contains Commission staff's analysis of the probable environmental impacts of the proposal and concludes that approving the licensee's application would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The EA is attached to a Commission order titled "Order Approving Non-Project Use of Project Lands and Waters," which was issued June 30, 2006, and is available for review and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426. The EA may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "elibrary" link. Enter the project number (prefaced by P-) and 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 toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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[Docket No. RM06-16-000]

Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk-Power System; Supplemental Notice of Technical Conference

June 30, 2006.

As announced in a Notice of Technical Conference issued on May 31, 2006, in the above referenced proceeding, a technical conference will be held in the offices of the Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC on July 6, 2006, from

approximately 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (EST). All interested persons may attend and registration is not required.

The conference will assist in developing a public record in anticipation of the Commission acting on a petition filed by the North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC) for approval of reliability standards. An agenda is included with this notice.

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 the Commission receives the transcript.

A free Webcast of this event is available through <http://www.ferc.gov>. Anyone with Internet access who desires to view this event can do so by navigating to <http://www.ferc.gov>'s Calendar of Events and locating this event in the Calendar. The event will contain a link to its Webcast. The Capitol Connection provides technical support for the Webcasts and offers access to the open meetings via television in the DC area and via phone bridge for a fee. If you have any questions, visit <http://www.CapitolConnection.org> or contact Danelle Perkowski or David Reininger at 703-993-3100.

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

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

Review of the North American Electric Reliability Council's Proposed Reliability Standards Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Technical Conference

July 6, 2006, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

9:30 a.m.—Opening Remarks, Joseph T. Kelliher, FERC Chairman.

9:45 a.m.—Introductions, Joseph McClelland, Director, Division of Reliability, Office of Energy Markets and Reliability, FERC.

9:50 a.m.—Panel 1: Effectiveness of North American Electric Reliability Council's (NERC's) Proposed Reliability Standards.

Panelists will provide their views on the proposed Reliability Standards in the context of the May 11, 2006 Staff Preliminary Assessment, focusing on the following questions:

- Do the proposed standards meet the criteria established in Order No. 672¹ for Commission approval?

- To the extent some standards do not meet the criteria, which should be addressed first? Are there some that have a greater impact on reliability?

- Is it appropriate to focus on the Blackout Report recommendations that have not yet been addressed by the standards, or are there other standards that should receive a higher priority?

- Should all Reliability Standards have performance metrics to gauge the effectiveness of the standards? How quickly can such specific performance metrics be developed? Is there another process that could be used to develop metrics for existing standards?

- What are the implications of applying the EPAct definition of the Bulk Power System instead of the NERC definition of the Bulk Electric System?

- How do we define the "Users, Owners, and Operators" of the "Bulk-Power System"?

- How should a work plan be developed that schedules standards for revision? What are the opportunities for participation in this process by the interested stakeholders?

- What coordination is necessary with other State, Federal, and/or international regulators to ensure a good transition to mandatory reliability standards?

- What process should the United States, Canada, and Mexico follow for review and approval of Reliability Standards to meet possible time constraints?

Panelists:

Richard P. (Rick) Sergel, President and CEO, North American Electric Reliability Council.

Michael Morris, President and CEO, American Electric Power, on behalf of Edison Electric Institute.

Charles Yeung, Executive Director, Interregional Affairs, Southwest Power Pool, on behalf of the ISO/RTO Council.

Scott M. Helyer, Vice President, Transmission, Tenaska, Inc., and Chairman, Energy Standards Working Group, Electric Power Supply Association.

Canadian Representative, to be announced.

¹ Rules Concerning Certification of the Electric Reliability Organization; and Procedures for the Establishment, Approval, and Enforcement of Electric Reliability Standards, 114 FERC ¶ 61,104 (2006).

12 p.m.—Lunch.

1 p.m.—Panel 2: What's Needed To Achieve the Goal.

Panelists will address the questions listed above, providing a more in-depth assessment of the standards and appropriate priorities, processes, and metrics needed to ensure a reliable Bulk Power System.

Panelists:

Steve Ruekert, Director, Standards and Compliance, Western Electric Coordinating Council.

Allen Mosher, Director of Policy Analysis, American Public Power Association.

Steven C. Cobb, Manager, Transmission Services, Salt River Project, on behalf of the Large Public Power Council.

David A. Whiteley, Senior Vice President, Energy Delivery Services, Ameren, on behalf of the Edison Electric Institute.

James C. Nixon, Director, Energy Markets, Alcoa Inc.

Canadian Representative, to be announced.

3 p.m.—Concluding Remarks, Joseph T. Kelliher, FERC Chairman.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

Records Governing Off-the Record Communications; Public Notice

June 30, 2006.

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(b), of the receipt of prohibited and exempt off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive a prohibited or exempt off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of a contested proceeding, to deliver to the Secretary of the Commission, a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication.

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communication, and may request that the Commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such a request only when it determines that fairness so requires. Any person identified below as having made a prohibited off-the-record communication shall serve the document on all parties listed on the official service list for the applicable proceeding in accordance with Rule 2010, 18 CFR 385.2010.

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The following is a list of off-the-record communications recently received by the Secretary of the Commission. The communications listed are grouped by docket numbers in ascending order. These filings are available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room 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, please contact FERC, Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866)208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202)502-8659.

Exempt:

Docket No.	Date received	Presenter or requester
1. CP05-420-000	6-29-06	Rome A. Emmons, III.
2. CP06-369-000	6-14-06	Hon. Harold Rogers.
3. EL03-180-000, <i>et al.</i>	6-22-06	Hon. Jay Inslee. Hon. Rick Larsen. Hon. Jim McDermott.
4. ER06-427-000	6-20-06	Hon. John F. Tierney.
5. Project No. 2100-000	6-20-06	Hon. Barbara Boxer.
6. Project No. 2145-060	6-27-06	Timothy Garman.
7. Project No. 11858-002	6-21-06	Karen A. Goebel.

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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD06-8-000]

Discussions With Utility and Railroad Representatives on Market and Reliability Matters; Notice on Filing Comments

June 30, 2006.

On June 15, 2006, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) met with utility and railroad representatives to discuss railroad coal-delivery matters

and their impact on markets and electric reliability.

Additional comments in this docket will be accepted until July 17, 2006.

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