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[Docket No. AD08-4-000; Docket No. ER08-633-000]

Capacity Markets in Regions With Organized Electric Markets ISO New England, Inc.; Supplemental Notice of Technical Conference

April 25, 2008.

As announced in the Notice of Technical Conference issued on February 29, 2008, staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) will hold a technical conference on May 7, 2008. The purpose of the conference is to discuss the operation of forward capacity markets in the ISO New England, Inc. (ISO-NE) and the PJM Interconnection, LLC (PJM) regions, and to learn more about the proposals of the American Forest and Paper Association (American Forest) and Portland Cement Association (Portland Cement), and the merit of adopting such changes where appropriate, as described in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking issued in Docket No. RM07-19-000, *et al. Wholesale Competition in Regions with Organized Electric Markets*, 73 FR 12,576 (March 7, 2008), FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 32,682, at P 25,153 (2008).¹ The technical conference will be held from 9 am to 5 pm (EDT), in the Commission Meeting Room at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. All interested persons are invited to attend, and registration is not required.

The agenda for this conference, with a list of participating panelists, is attached. There will be five panels. The first panel will discuss today's long-term capacity markets: Design and early results of PJM's and ISO-NE's forward capacity markets. The second panel will discuss American Forest's financial performance obligation proposal. The third panel will discuss Portland Cement's long-term capacity proposal. The fourth and fifth panels will discuss existing and alternative capacity market

designs. It is possible that the discussions may overlap with matters at issue in Docket No. ER08-633.

As previously announced, 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 free webcasts. It also offers access to this event via television in the Washington, 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.

Transcripts of the meeting will be available immediately for a fee from Ace Reporting Company (202-347-3700 or 1-800-336-6646).

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For more information about this conference, please contact: David Mead, Office of Energy Market Regulation, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-8028, David.Mead@ferc.gov, and Tina Ham, Office of the General Counsel—Energy Markets, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-6224, Tina.Ham@ferc.gov.

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Agenda

Capacity Markets Technical Conference May 7, 2008

Commission Meeting Room

9-9:10 a.m.: *Welcome from FERC Staff.*

9:10-10 a.m.: *Panel I.*

Today's Longer-Term Capacity Markets: Design and Early Results for PJM's Reliability Pricing Model (RPM) and ISO-NE's Forward Capacity Market

Panelists:

The Honorable Frederick Butler, Commissioner, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
Andrew Ott, Vice President—Markets, PJM Interconnection, LLC

David LaPlante, Vice President, Wholesale Markets Strategy, ISO New England, Inc.

Denis Bergeron, Coordinator of Regional Affairs, Maine Public Utilities Commission

10-11 a.m.: *Panel II.*

American Forest's Financial Performance Obligation Proposal

Panelists:

Donald J. Sipe, Attorney, Preti, Flaherty, Beliveau & Pachios, on behalf of American Forest & Paper Association
Andrew Ott, Vice President—Markets, PJM Interconnection, LLC

David LaPlante, Vice President, Wholesale Markets Strategy, ISO New England Inc.

Dr. Jonathan A. Lesser, Partner, Bates White LLC, on behalf of the Electric Power Supply Association

Daniel Allegretti, Vice President and Director of Wholesale Energy Policy, Constellation Energy Group, Inc.

11-11:15 a.m.: *Break.*

11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.: *Panel III.*

Portland Cement's Longer-Term Forward Capacity Proposal

Panelists:

Paul R. Williams, President, Liberty Energy Group, Inc., on behalf of the Portland Cement Association
David LaPlante, Vice President, Wholesale Markets Strategy, ISO New England, Inc.

Andrew Ott, Vice President—Markets, PJM Interconnection, LLC

Roy Shanker, Independent Consultant, on behalf of PJM Power Providers

12:15-1:15 p.m.: *Lunch.*

1:15-3 p.m.: *Panel IV.*

Discussion on Existing and Alternative Capacity Market Designs

Panelists:

The Honorable Paul Centolella, Commissioner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

Dr. William W. Hogan, Raymond Plank Professor of Global Energy Policy, Harvard University

John J. Boudreau, Director, Business & Regulatory Strategy, Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company

James F. Wilson, Principal, LECG LLC
Robert M. Loughney, Attorney, Couch White, LLP, on behalf of Multiple Intervenors and Connecticut Industrial Energy Consumers

Peter Fuller, Director, Regulatory & Market Affairs, New England, NRG Energy, Inc.

Raymond DePillo, Vice President, Power Operations & Trading, PSEG Energy Resources & Trade

¹ In addition to its filing on September 14, 2007, in Docket No. RM07-19, which described its proposal, American Forest made an informational filing on April 3, 2008, in Docket No. AD08-4.

Andrew Ott, Vice President—Markets, PJM Interconnection, LLC
 David LaPlante, Vice President, Wholesale Markets Strategy, ISO New England Inc.
 Marie Pieniazek, Vice President, Government & Regulatory Affairs, Energy Curtailment Specialists, Inc.
 3–3:15 p.m.: *Break*.
 3:15–5 p.m.: *Panel V*.

Discussion continues

Panelists:

Randy Rismiller, Manager of Federal Energy Programs, Illinois Commerce Commission
 Michael Allman, President & CEO, Sempra Generation
 Joseph E. Bowring, Market Monitor, PJM Interconnection, LLC
 Randall Speck, Attorney, Kaye Scholer LLP, on behalf of the Maryland Public Service Commission and the Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control
 Donald J. Sipe, Attorney, Preti, Flaherty, Beliveau & Pachios, on behalf of American Forest & Paper Association
 Robert G. Ethier, Director, Resource Adequacy and Chief Economist, ISO New England, Inc.
 Robert A. Weishaar, Jr., McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC, on behalf of PJM Industrial Customer Coalition and NEPOOL Industrial Customer Coalition
 Dr. Eric C. Woychik, Vice President of Regulatory Affairs, Comverge, Inc.
 Roy Shanker, Independent Consultant, on behalf of PJM Power Providers
 Steve Elsea, Director of Energy Services, Leggett & Platt, Inc.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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[Project No. 2230–036]

City and Borough of Sitka, AK; Notice of Request To Use Alternative Procedures in Preparing a License Amendment Application

April 28, 2008.

Take notice that the following request to use alternative procedures to prepare a license amendment application has been filed with the Commission.

- Type of Application:* Request to use alternative procedures to prepare a license amendment application.
- Project No.:* 2230–036.
- Date Filed:* March 11, 2008.
- Applicant:* City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska.

e. *Name of Project:* Blue Lake Project.
 f. *Location:* On Sawmill Creek, in Borough of Sitka, Alaska. The project occupies 1,628.1 acres of federal lands within Tongass National Forest.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C 791(a)–825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Charlie Walls, Utility Director, City and Borough of Sitka Electric Department, 105 Jarvis St., Sitka, Alaska 99835, (907) 747–1870, charlie@cityofsitka.com.

i. *FERC Contact:* William Guey-Lee, 202–502–6064,

william.gueylee@ferc.gov

j. *Deadline for Comments:* May 28, 2008.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

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

k. The existing project generally consists of a 211-foot-high, 256-foot-long concrete arch dam, impounding the 1,225 acre Blue Lake reservoir; a 7,110 foot-long power conduit; and a powerhouse containing two 3,000 kilowatt units. The applicant proposes to add a third generating unit near the existing powerhouse, and raise the existing dam by as much as 83 feet.

l. A copy of the request to use alternative procedures is 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, contact FERC Online Support at

FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at 1–866–208–3676, or for TTY, (202) 502–8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via e-mail of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

m. Applicant has demonstrated that it has made an effort to contact all federal and state resources agencies, non-governmental organizations (NGO), and others affected by the project. Applicant has also demonstrated that a consensus exists that the use of alternative

procedures is appropriate in this case. Applicant has submitted a communications protocol that is supported by the stakeholders.

The purpose of this notice is to invite any additional comments on Applicant's request to use the alternative procedures, pursuant to section 4.34(i) of the Commission's regulations. Additional notices seeking comments on the specific project proposal, interventions and protests, and recommended terms and conditions will be issued at a later date. Applicant will complete and file a preliminary Environmental Assessment, in lieu of Exhibit E of the application. This differs from the traditional process, in which an applicant consults with agencies, Indian tribes, NGOs, and other parties during preparation of the license application and before filing the application, but the Commission staff performs the environmental review after the application is filed. The alternative procedures are intended to simplify and expedite the licensing process by combining the pre-filing consultation and environmental review processes into a single process, to facilitate greater participation, and to improve communication and cooperation among the participants.

Applicant has met with federal and state resource agencies, NGO's, elected officials, environmental groups, and members of the public regarding the Blue Lake amendment project. Applicant intends to conduct the alternative licensing procedures process to file a license amendment application by May 2009.

Kimberly D. Bose,
 Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP08–154–000]

Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

April 24, 2008.

Take notice that on April 15, 2008, Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company (Williston Basin), 1250 West Century Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota 58503, filed in Docket No. CP08–154–000 a prior notice request pursuant to sections 157.205, 157.208 and 157.213 of the Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and