

have the opportunity to ask questions and offer brief comments. Staff asks that if a coalition of participants has common questions or perspectives to present, a single spokesperson be designated to speak for the group in order to efficiently address the relevant issues and minimize repetition of issues already discussed.

The technical conference will be open for the public to attend and advance registration is not required. Although staff encourages all interested parties to attend in person, the conference will be accessible via telephone on a listen-only basis. For information regarding telephone access to the conference, please e-mail [sarah.crawford@ferc.gov](mailto:sarah.crawford@ferc.gov) no later than 5 p.m. (Eastern Time) on Monday, November 3, 2008 and specify whether you will be dialing into the conference on one or both days. You will then receive a confirmation e-mail containing the dial-in number and password. Staff requests that, to the extent possible, individuals calling from the same location share a single telephone line.

All interested persons may file written comments following the technical conference on or before November 24, 2008. Reply comments will be due on or before December 2, 2008.

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For more information about this conference, please contact: Sarah McKinley, 202.502.8368, [sarah.mckinley@ferc.gov](mailto:sarah.mckinley@ferc.gov), for logistical issues, and Sarah Crawford, 202.502.8241, [sarah.crawford@ferc.gov](mailto:sarah.crawford@ferc.gov), or Saeed Farrokhpay, 916.294.0322, [saeed.farrokhpay@ferc.gov](mailto:saeed.farrokhpay@ferc.gov), for other concerns.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD08-11-000]

#### Ensuring Dam Safety in the United States; Notice of Technical Conference

October 29, 2008.

Take notice that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission will hold a technical conference on December 5, 2008, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (EST) in the Commission Meeting Room at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The conference will be open for the public to attend and advance registration is not required. Members of the Commission will attend and participate in the conference.

The purpose of this conference is to explore issues related to dam safety with federal, state and industry dam safety representatives. Specifically, the participants will discuss the major components of the FERC Dam Safety Program as well as current state and industry assistance efforts. They will also explore the challenges facing state dam safety offices to identify needed technical and resource assistance. The agenda for this conference will be published at a later time.

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 the Calendar of Events at <http://www.ferc.gov> 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 conference will be available immediately for a fee from Ace Reporting Company (202-347-3700 or 1-800-336-6646). They will be available for free on the Commission's eLibrary system and on the Calendar of Events approximately one week after the conference.

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For more information about this conference, please contact: Natalie Leech, (202) 502-6396, [natalie.leech@ferc.gov](mailto:natalie.leech@ferc.gov) or Sarah McKinley, (202) 502-8368, [sarah.mckinley@ferc.gov](mailto:sarah.mckinley@ferc.gov).

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. ER08-637-000; ER08-637-001; ER08-637-004; ER08-637-005]

#### Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.; Notice of Technical Conference

October 29, 2008.

As announced in the Notice of Technical Conference issued on September 9, 2008, and discussed further in the Commission's October 10 Order in the above-captioned proceedings,<sup>1</sup> the Commission will hold a technical conference on November 12, 2008 in the Commission Meeting Room of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC, regarding the proposed Market Coordination Service (Market Service) provisions set forth in Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator Inc.'s (Midwest ISO) Western Markets Proposal. The technical conference will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (ET).

This supplemental notice provides additional information including an agenda for the conference and the speakers at the conference.<sup>2</sup> The conference is open to the public to attend, and registration is not required.

Transcripts of the conference will be immediately available from Ace Reporting Company (202-347-3700 or 800-336-6646) for a fee. The transcripts will also be available for the public on the Commission's eLibrary system ten calendar days after the Commission receives the transcript.

A free webcast of the Policy Session during the morning of the technical conference will be 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

<sup>1</sup> Midwest Indep. Transmission Sys. Operator, Inc., 125 FERC ¶ 61,029 (2008).

<sup>2</sup> See Attachment to this Notice.

webcast. The Capitol Connection provides technical support for the free webcasts. The Capitol Connection also offers access to this event via television in the DC area and via phone bridge for a fee. If you have any questions, visit <http://www.CapitolConnection.org> or call 703-993-3100.

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS CONFERENCE, PLEASE CONTACT:** Fernando Rodriguez at 202-502-8231 or at [fernando.rodriguez@ferc.gov](mailto:fernando.rodriguez@ferc.gov).

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

**Technical Conference Agenda<sup>3</sup>**

November 12, 2008

- I. Welcome and Opening Remarks—9 a.m.–9:30 a.m.
- II. Policy Session—9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

During this session, panelists will be asked to address broad policy issues associated with Market Service, such as Midwest ISO's reasons for making the proposal, the associated benefits, the concerns such as whether the proposal would destabilize Midwest ISO and the extent to which the proposal is consistent with Order No. 2000. Panelists—9:30 a.m.–10:10 a.m.<sup>4</sup>

- Graham Edwards, CEO, and Clair Moeller, Vice President of Transmission Asset Management, appearing on behalf of Midwest ISO.
- Paul Jett, Director of RTO Activities, Duke Energy Corporation, Chair of Midwest ISO Transmission Owners Committee, on behalf of Midwest ISO Transmission Owners.
- William Fehrman, President & CEO, MidAmerican Energy Company.
- Lloyd Linke, Manager of Power System Operations, Western Area Power Administration and Mike Risan, Senior Vice President of Transmission, Basin Electric Power Cooperative.

- Honorable John Norris, Chairman Iowa Utilities Board and President of Organization of Midwest ISO States (OMS) and Bill Smith, Director, OMS.
  - Ray Wahle, Director of Power Supply and Operations, Missouri River Energy Services on behalf of Midwest TDUs.
  - Steven Naumann, Vice President of Wholesale Market Development, Exelon Corporation.
  - Doug Collins, Executive Director, ITC Midwest.
  - Donald Furman, Senior Vice President for Development, Transmission and Policy, Iberdrola Renewables, Incoming President American Wind Energy Association.
- Discussion and Questions—10:10 a.m.–10:30 a.m.  
Break—10:30 a.m.–10:40 a.m.  
Further Discussion and Questions—10:40 a.m.–11:30 a.m.  
Lunch—11:30 p.m.–1 p.m.
- III. Technical Session—1 p.m.–4 p.m.  
Staff Introduction—1 p.m.–1:05 p.m.  
Presentations on MITS and MITS-Comparable Service—1:05 p.m.–1:25 p.m.
- Clair Moeller, Vice President of Transmission Asset Management, Midwest ISO.
  - Dennis Kramer, Regulatory Specialist, Ameren Services Company, on behalf of Midwest ISO Transmission Owners.
  - Darrel R. Gunst, Manager Transmission Services, MidAmerican Energy Company.
  - OMS Representative.
- Staff-led Discussion and Questions—1:25 p.m.–2 p.m.  
Questions from Other Parties—2 p.m.–2:30 p.m.  
Break—2:30 p.m.–2:45 p.m.  
Transmission Planning and Other Issues—2:45 p.m.–3:45 p.m.  
Staff-led Discussion and Questions—2:45 p.m.–3:15 p.m.  
Questions from Other Parties—3:15 p.m.–3:45 p.m.  
Next Steps—3:45 p.m.–4 p.m.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL-8737-7]

**Clean Water Act Section 303(d): Final Agency Action on 29 Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) in Louisiana**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces final agency action on 29 TMDLs prepared by EPA Region 6 for waters listed in Louisiana's Pearl River basin, under section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act (CWA). Documents from the administrative record file for the 29 TMDLs, including TMDL calculations and responses to comments, may be viewed at <http://www.epa.gov/region6/water/npdes/tmdl/index.htm>. The administrative record file may be examined by calling or writing Ms. Diane Smith at the address below. Please contact Ms. Smith to schedule an inspection.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Diane Smith, Environmental Protection Specialist, Water Quality Protection Division, U.S. EPA Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, TX 75202-2733, (214) 665-2145.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In 1996, two Louisiana environmental groups, the Sierra Club and Louisiana Environmental Action Network (plaintiffs), filed a lawsuit in Federal Court against the EPA, styled *Sierra Club, et al. v. Clifford et al.*, No. 96-0527, (E.D. La.). Among other claims, plaintiffs alleged that EPA failed to establish Louisiana TMDLs in a timely manner. EPA established 18 of these TMDLs pursuant to a consent decree entered in this lawsuit.

**EPA Takes Final Agency Action on 29 TMDLs**

By this notice EPA is taking final agency action on the following 29 TMDLs for waters located within the Louisiana Pearl River basin:

Subsegment	Waterbody name	Pollutant
090101	Pearl River—MS State Line to Pearl River Navigation Canal	Mercury and Fecal coliform.
090102	East Pearl River—Holmes Bayou to I-10	Mercury.
090103	East Pearl River—From I-10 to Lake Borgne (estuarine)	Mercury.
090104	Peters Creek	Fecal coliform.
090105	Pearl River Navigation Canal—From Pools Bluff to Lock No. 3	Mercury and Dissolved oxygen.

<sup>3</sup> This agenda may change. The Commission will issue a further notice of such changes if time permits.

<sup>4</sup> Time assumes approximately 5 minutes per panelist.