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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. AD09-8-000]

**Transmission Planning Processes Under Order No. 890; Notice of Technical Conferences**

June 30, 2009.

Take notice that Commission staff will convene technical conferences on the following dates in the following cities to examine the planning processes that are being conducted pursuant to Order No. 890.<sup>1</sup> Staff expects all transmission providers to participate in the technical conference for their particular region, although all interested persons, including transmission providers in other regions, regional representatives, transmission customers, developers of merchant transmission and distributed generation, and other resource developers are also invited to participate in each conference.

In Order No. 890, the Commission directed all transmission providers to develop a transmission planning process that satisfies nine principles and to clearly describe that process in a new attachment to their open access transmission tariffs.<sup>2</sup> On December 7, 2007, pursuant to Order No. 890, most public utility transmission providers and several non-public utility transmission owners submitted their proposed transmission planning processes.<sup>3</sup> The Commission subsequently addressed these filings in a series of orders that were issued throughout 2008. Generally, the Commission accepted each of the transmission planning processes to be effective December 7, 2007, subject to further compliance filings required to meet the nine planning principles (Initial Planning Orders). The Commission also noted that its staff would periodically monitor the implementation of these processes, and it stated its intent to convene regional technical conferences in 2009 to assess them.

Recently, the Commission issued a series of orders addressing the further transmission planning process compliance filings (Compliance Filing Orders). In each of the Compliance Filing Orders, the Commission emphasized that it remains interested in the development of transmission planning processes and will continue to examine the adequacy of the processes accepted to date. The Commission reiterated the encouragement made in prior orders for further refinements and improvements to the planning processes

as transmission providers, their customers, and other stakeholders gain more experience through actual implementation of the processes. The Commission also re-stated that, as part of its ongoing evaluation of the implementation of the planning processes, it intended to convene regional technical conferences this year to determine if further refinements to these processes are necessary.

The conferences scheduled in this notice are intended to meet the Commission's commitment made in the Initial Planning Orders and Compliance Filing Orders that its staff would conduct an assessment of the Order No. 890 transmission planning processes. Consistent with these orders, the focus of the 2009 regional technical conferences will be: (1) To determine the progress and benefits realized by each transmission provider's transmission planning process, obtain customer and other stakeholder input, and discuss any areas that may need improvement; (2) to examine whether existing transmission planning processes adequately consider needs and solutions on a regional or interconnection-wide basis to ensure adequate and reliable supplies at just and reasonable rates; and (3) to explore whether existing processes are sufficient to meet emerging challenges to the transmission system, such as the development of interregional transmission facilities, the integration of large amounts of location-constrained generation, and the interconnection of distributed energy resources.

Date	Location	Transmission provider participants
September 3, 2009 .....	Phoenix Airport Marriott, 1101 North 44th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85008.	Entities located within the ColumbiaGrid, Northern Tier Transmission Group, WestConnect, and CAISO footprints, and other entities in the WECC region that are not a part of any of these subregional groups. <sup>4</sup> Those wishing to participate as a panelist and provide feedback on the planning issues described above should submit a request form by close of business on August 13, 2009, located at: <a href="https://www.ferc.gov/whatsnew/registration/trans0903speakerform.asp">https://www.ferc.gov/whatsnew/registration/trans0903speakerform.asp</a> .
September 10, 2009 .....	Sheraton Gateway Hotel Atlanta Airport, 1900 Sullivan Road, Atlanta, GA 30337.	Entities located in the states represented in the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners and entities located in the Southwest Power Pool footprint. Those wishing to participate as a panelist and provide feedback on the planning issues described above should submit a request form by close of business on August 20, 2009 located at: <a href="https://www.ferc.gov/whatsnew/registration/trans0910speakerform.asp">https://www.ferc.gov/whatsnew/registration/trans0910speakerform.asp</a>
September 21, 2009 .....	Marriott Philadelphia Airport, One Arrivals Road, Philadelphia, PA 19153.	Entities located within the Midwest ISO, PJM, New York ISO, and ISO New England footprints, MAPP/MAPP Participants, and adjacent areas.

<sup>1</sup> *Preventing Undue Discrimination and Preference in Transmission Service*, Order No. 890, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,241, *order on reh'g*, Order No. 890-A, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,261 (2007), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 890-B, 123 FERC

¶ 61,299, (2008) *order on reh'g*, Order No. 890-C, 126 FERC ¶ 61,228 (2009).

<sup>2</sup> Order No. 890, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,241 at P 418-602.

<sup>3</sup> A small number of transmission providers were granted extensions.

<sup>4</sup> Staff also requests that a representative of WECC's Transmission Expansion Planning Policy Committee attend this technical conference.

Date	Location	Transmission provider participants
		Those wishing to participate as a panelist and provide feedback on the planning issues described above should submit a request form by close of business on August 31, 2009, located at: <a href="https://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/trans_09_21_speaker_form.asp">https://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/trans_09_21_speaker_form.asp</a> .

A further notice with a detailed agenda for each conference will be issued in advance of the conferences. In the event a transmission provider is uncertain as to which technical conference is the appropriate forum for discussion of its planning process, such transmission providers should contact Commission staff in advance to discuss the matter. Lastly, a comment date will be set at a later date allowing for the filing of post-conference comments.

For further information about these conferences, please contact:

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### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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### California Independent System Operator Corporation; Notice of FERC Staff Attendance

June 29, 2009.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) hereby gives notice that on the following dates members of its staff will participate in teleconferences and meetings to be conducted by the California Independent System Operator (CAISO). The agenda and other documents for the teleconferences and meetings are available on the CAISO's Web site, <http://www.caiso.com>.

June 30, 2009—Market Surveillance Committee.

July 1, 2009—Settlements and Market Clearing User Group. Congestion Revenue Rights.

July 2, 2009—Market Issues.

July 7, 2009—Systems Interface User Group.

July 8, 2009—Congestion Revenue Rights. Settlements and Market Clearing User Group.

July 9, 2009—Market Issues.

Convergence Bidding Meeting.

July 14, 2009—Systems Interface User Group.

July 15, 2009—Settlements and Market Clearing User Group. Congestion Revenue Rights.

July 16, 2009—Market Issues.

Transmission Maintenance Coordination Committee Meeting.

Sponsored by the CAISO, the teleconferences and meetings are open to all market participants, and Commission staff's attendance is part of the Commission's ongoing outreach efforts. The teleconferences and meetings may discuss matters at issue in the above captioned dockets.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 12615-001—Alaska Soule River Hydroelectric Project]

### Alaska Power & Telephone Company; Notice of Proposed Restricted Service List for a Programmatic Agreement for Managing Properties Included in or Eligible for Inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places

June 30, 2009.

Rule 2010 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission)

Rules of Practice and Procedure provides that, to eliminate unnecessary expense or improve administrative efficiency, the Secretary may establish a restricted service list for a particular phase or issue in a proceeding.<sup>1</sup> The restricted service list should contain the names of persons on the service list who, in the judgment of the decisional authority establishing the list, are active participants with respect to the phase or issue in the proceeding for which the list is established.

The Commission staff is consulting with the Alaska State Historic Preservation Officer (hereinafter, SHPO) and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (hereinafter, Council) pursuant to the Council's regulations, 36 CFR part 800, implementing section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, *as amended*, (16 U.S.C. 470f), to prepare and execute a programmatic agreement for managing properties included in, or eligible for inclusion in, the National Register of Historic Places at the Soule River Hydroelectric Project No. 12615-001.

The programmatic agreement, when executed by the Commission and the SHPO, would satisfy the Commission's section 106 responsibilities for all individual undertakings carried out in accordance with the license until the license expires or is terminated (36 CFR 800.13[e]). The Commission's responsibilities, pursuant to section 106 for the Soule River Hydroelectric Project, would be fulfilled through the programmatic agreement, which the Commission proposes to draft in consultation with certain parties listed below. The executed programmatic agreement would be incorporated into any Order issuing a license.

Alaska Power & Telephone Company, as applicant for the Soule River Hydroelectric Project No. 12615-001, is invited to participate in consultations to develop the programmatic agreement.

For the purpose of commenting on the programmatic agreement, we propose to restrict the service list for the aforementioned project as follows:

<sup>1</sup> 18 CFR 385.2010.