

(1) You may file your comments electronically by using the Quick Comment feature, which is located at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the link called "Documents and Filings". A Quick Comment is an easy method for interested persons to submit text-only comments on a project;

(2) You may file your comments electronically by using the "eFiling" feature that is listed under the "Documents and Filings" link. eFiling involves preparing your submission in the same manner as you would if filing on paper, and then saving the file on your computer's hard drive. You will attach that file to your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on the links called "Sign up" or "eRegister". You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making. A comment on a particular project is considered a "Comment on a Filing"; or

(3) You may file a paper copy of your comments at the following address: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

#### Environmental Mailing List

The environmental mailing list includes Federal, State, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American Tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. This list also includes all affected landowners (as defined in the Commission's regulations) who are potential right-of-way grantors, whose property may be used temporarily for project purposes, or who own homes within certain distances of aboveground facilities, and anyone who submits comments on the project. We will update the environmental mailing list as the analysis proceeds to ensure that we send the information related to this environmental review to all individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the planned project.

If the EA is published for distribution, copies will be sent to the environmental mailing list for public review and comment. If you would prefer to receive a paper copy of the document instead of the CD version or would like to remove your name from the mailing list, please return the attached Information Request (Appendix 2).

#### Becoming an Intervenor

Once Columbia files its application with the Commission, you may want to become an "intervenor," which is an

official party to the Commission's proceeding. Intervenor play a more formal role in the process and are able to file briefs, appear at hearings, and be heard by the courts if they choose to appeal the Commission's final ruling. An intervenor formally participates in the proceeding by filing a request to intervene. Instructions for becoming an intervenor are included in the User's Guide under the "e-filing" link on the Commission's Web site. Please note that you may not request intervenor status at this time. You must wait until a formal application for the project is filed with the Commission.

#### Additional Information

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (866) 208-FERC, or on the FERC Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search" and enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field (*i.e.*, PF10-6). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries and direct links to the documents. Go to <http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm>.

Finally, public meetings or site visits will be posted on the Commission's calendar located at <http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx> along with other related information.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of FERC Staff Attendance at the Southwest Power Pool Board of Directors/Members Committee Meeting

March 23, 2010.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission hereby gives notice that members of its staff may attend the meeting of the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) Board of Directors/Members, as noted below. Their attendance is part of the Commission's ongoing outreach efforts.

#### SPP Board of Directors/Members Committee Meeting

March 31, 2010 (10:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.), Hyatt Regency DFW, N. International Parkway Terminal C, DFW Airport, TX 75261. 972-453-1234.

The discussions may address matters at issue in the following proceedings:

- Docket No. EL09-40, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
- Docket No. ER06-451, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
- Docket No. ER08-923, *Xcel Energy Services, Inc.*
- Docket No. ER08-1307, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
- Docket No. ER08-1308, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
- Docket No. ER08-1357, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
- Docket No. ER08-1358, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
- Docket No. ER08-1359, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
- Docket No. ER08-1419, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
- Docket No. ER09-35, *Tallgrass Transmission LLC*
- Docket No. ER09-36, *Prairie Wind Transmission LLC*
- Docket No. ER09-659, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
- Docket No. ER09-1050, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
- Docket No. ER09-1254, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
- Docket No. ER09-1255, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
- Docket No. ER09-1397, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
- Docket No. ER09-1716, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
- Docket No. ER10-352, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
- Docket No. OA08-5, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
- Docket No. OA08-60, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
- Docket No. OA08-61, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*

Docket No. OA08–104, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
 Docket No. ER10–664, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
 Docket No. ER10–678, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
 Docket No. ER10–680, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
 Docket No. ER10–681, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
 Docket No. ER10–692, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
 Docket No. ER10–693, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
 Docket No. ER10–694, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
 Docket No. ER10–696, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
 Docket No. ER10–697, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
 Docket No. ER10–698, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
 Docket No. ER10–700, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
 Docket No. ER10–738, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
 Docket No. ER10–739, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
 Docket No. ER10–754, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
 Docket No. ER10–760, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
 Docket No. ER10–761, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
 Docket No. ER10–762, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
 Docket No. ER10–773, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
 Docket No. ER10–795, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*

These meetings are open to the public.

For more information, contact Patrick Clarey, Office of Energy Market Regulation, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at (317) 249–5937 or [patrick.clarey@ferc.gov](mailto:patrick.clarey@ferc.gov).

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
 Secretary.

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Announcement of Board Approval Under Delegated Authority and Submission to OMB

**SUMMARY:** *Background.* Notice is hereby given of the final approval of proposed information collections by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) under OMB delegated authority, as per 5 CFR 1320.16 (OMB Regulations on Controlling Paperwork Burdens on the Public). Board-approved

collections of information are incorporated into the official OMB inventory of currently approved collections of information. Copies of the Paperwork Reduction Act Submission, supporting statements and approved collection of information instruments are placed into OMB's public docket files. The Federal Reserve may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented on or after October 1, 1995, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Federal Reserve Board Clearance Officer—Michelle Shore, Division of Research and Statistics, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC 20551 (202–452–3829) OMB Desk Officer—Shagufta Ahmed, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

Final approval under OMB delegated authority of the implementation of the following survey:

*Report title:* Senior Credit Officer Opinion Survey on Dealer Financing Terms.

*Agency form number:* FR 2034.

*OMB control number:* 7100– to be assigned.

*Frequency:* Up to six times a year.

*Reporters:* U.S. banking institutions and U.S. branches and agencies of foreign banks.

*Estimated annual reporting hours:* 450 hours.

*Estimated average hours per response:* 3 hours.

*Number of respondents:* 25.

*General description of report:* This information collection will be voluntary (12 U.S.C. 225a, 248(a)(2), 1844(c), and 3105(c)(2)) and will be given confidential treatment (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4)).

*Abstract:* This voluntary survey will be conducted with a senior credit officer at each respondent financial institution up to six times a year. The reporting panel consists of up to 25 U.S. banking institutions and U.S. branches and agencies of foreign banks, the majority of which are affiliated with a Primary Government Securities Dealer.<sup>1</sup> The purpose of the survey is to provide qualitative and limited quantitative information on (1) stringency of credit

terms, (2) credit availability and demand across the entire range of securities financing and over-the-counter derivatives transactions, and (3) the evolution of market conditions and conventions applicable to such activities. The FR 2034 survey is significantly modeled after the long-established Senior Loan Officer Opinion Survey (FR 2018; OMB No. 7100–0058), which provides qualitative information on changes in the supply of, and demand for, bank loans to businesses and households. A portion of the questions in each administration of the FR 2034 survey will typically cover special topics of timely interest; however, the survey form also includes 47 core questions.

Although the Federal Reserve seeks the authority to conduct the survey up to six times a year, the survey is expected to be conducted only four times a year consistent with the FR 2018. Consistent with the FR 2018, other types of respondents, such as other depository institutions, bank holding companies, or other financial entities, may be surveyed if appropriate.

The respondents' answers are intended to provide information critical to the Federal Reserve's monitoring of credit markets and capital market activity. As is currently the case with FR 2018, aggregate results from this survey are expected to be made available to the public on the Federal Reserve Board website. Selected aggregate information from the surveys may also be published annually in *Federal Reserve Bulletin* articles and in the Monetary Policy Report to the Congress.

*Current Actions:* On December 15, 2009, the Federal Reserve published a notice in the **Federal Register** (74 FR 66359) requesting public comment for 60 days on implementation of the FR 2034 survey. The comment period for this notice expired on February 16, 2010. The Federal Reserve received one comment letter on this proposal.

### Summary of Comments

The comment letter was based on a series of informal discussions in early January 2010 between Federal Reserve staff and several dealer firms which are potential respondents to the new survey. These discussions helped the Federal Reserve to assess the clarity, utility, and burden of the FR 2034 survey, and led to changes to the content of the survey and formulation of particular questions as described below:

Increased focus on the maturity of trades was suggested, as this is an important dimension on which the stringency of credit terms is routinely adjusted, as was the inclusion of

<sup>1</sup> A list of the current Primary Dealers in Government Securities is available at [http://www.newyorkfed.org/markets/pridealers\\_current.html](http://www.newyorkfed.org/markets/pridealers_current.html).