

within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: Complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding; or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS or EA.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date stated below, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 5 copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this

project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests, and interventions via the internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a) (1) (iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the "e-Filing" link. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 5 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

*Comment Date:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on October 23, 2015.

Dated: October 2, 2015.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. EL15-70-000; EL15-71-000; EL15-72-000; EL15-82-000]

#### **Public Citizen, Inc. v. Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., The People of the State of Illinois By Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan v. Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. v. Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., Dynegy, Inc., and Sellers of Capacity into Zone 4 of the 2015-2016 MISO Planning Resource Auction, Illinois Industrial Energy Consumers v. Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.; Notice of Technical Conference**

Take notice that a staff-led conference will be held on October 20, 2015, at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory

Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (EST). The purpose of the conference is to obtain further information concerning the above referenced complaints.<sup>1</sup>

The technical conference will be transcribed. Transcripts will be available for a fee from Ace-Federal Reports, Inc. (202-347-3700).

There will be a free webcast of the conference. The webcast will allow persons to listen to the technical conference, but not participate. Anyone with internet access who wants to listen to the conference can do so by navigating to the Calendar of Events at [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov) and locating the technical conference in the Calendar. The technical conference will contain a link to its webcast. The Capitol Connection provides technical support for the webcast and offers the option of listening to the meeting via phone-bridge for a fee. If you have any questions, visit [www.CapitolConnection.org](http://www.CapitolConnection.org) or call 703-993-3100. The webcast will be available on the Calendar of Events on the Commission's Web site [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov) for three months after the conference.

Advance registration is not required but is highly encouraged. Attendees may register at the following Web page: <https://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/10-20-15-form.asp>. Attendees should allow time to pass through building security procedures before the 9:00 a.m. (EST) start time of the technical conference. In addition, information on this event will be posted on the Calendar of Events on the Commission's Web site, [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov), prior to the event.

Discussions at the conference may address matters at issue in the following Commission proceeding(s) that are either pending or within their rehearing period: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., Docket No. ER11-4081-000, *et al.*

Commission conferences are accessible under section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For accessibility accommodations, please send an email to [accessibility@ferc.gov](mailto:accessibility@ferc.gov) or call toll free (866) 208-3372 (voice) or (202) 502-8659 (TTY), or send a FAX to (202) 208-2106 with the required accommodations.

<sup>1</sup> As noted in its order issued October 1, 2015 in Docket No. IN15-10-000, the Commission's Office of Enforcement is conducting a non-public investigation under Part 1b of the Commission's regulations into whether market manipulation or other potential violations of Commission orders, rules and regulations occurred before or during the Auction conducted by MISO in April 2015. This technical conference will not address the current investigation.

The technical conference will consist of four sessions and focus on the issues raised in the complaints, as detailed below. Commissioners may attend and ask questions. The times given below are approximate and may change, as needed.

*Conference Introduction:* Commission Staff (9:00 a.m.–9:15 a.m.)

*Session 1: Market Power Mitigation* (9:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.)

*Panel 1: Implementation of the Current Mitigation Procedures and Reference Level Calculations* (90 mins)

Staff will lead a discussion to obtain information on the current market power mitigation procedures, including Initial Reference Levels, the transmission availability from MISO to PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. (PJM), PJM's market for replacement capacity, opportunity costs, and the Conduct Threshold for capacity market offer mitigation. Panelists should also be prepared to answer questions including, but not limited to, the following: For the 2014/15 and 2015/16 delivery years, how much PJM replacement capacity was procured after PJM's third incremental auction, and of that, how much was from MISO resources, and for what prices and durations were these MISO resources contracted? How much total transmission capability was available between MISO and PJM during the 2014/15 and 2015/16 MISO and PJM delivery years, and how much of that transmission capacity was subscribed as of the PJM third Incremental Auction for each delivery year? How much total transmission capability is expected between MISO and PJM for the 2016/17 and 2017/18 delivery years, and how much of that transmission capability is already subscribed?

*Panel 2: Alternatives to the Current Mitigation Procedures and Reference Level Calculation* (90 mins)

Panelists should be prepared to discuss possible alternatives to the current market power mitigation procedures and calculations. Panelists should also be prepared to answer questions including, but not limited to, the following: How should opportunity cost underlying reference levels consider physical or economic limitations of capacity sales? Should individual reference levels be developed for market participants that are pivotal suppliers in the capacity market? If so, how should they be determined? What are alternatives to PJM replacement capacity sales for determining the opportunity costs used to establish mitigation reference levels?

*Lunch Break:* (12:15 p.m.–1:15 p.m.)

*Session 2: Local Requirements* (1:15 p.m.–2:15 p.m.)

Panelists should be prepared to describe the calculations of Auction parameters such as Local Reliability Requirements, Capacity Import Limits, Capacity Export Limits, and Local Clearing Requirements, and to answer questions including, but not limited to, the following: What was the rationale behind the methodological change to examine constraints below 200 kV in the calculation of Capacity Import Limits and Capacity Export Limits? How does MISO's calculation of zonal Capacity Import Limits and Capacity Export Limits reflect counter-flows from or into neighboring regions?

*Session 3: Zonal Boundaries* (2:15 p.m.–3:00 p.m.)

Panelists should be prepared to discuss the current zonal boundaries in MISO and the criteria used to establish zonal configuration. Panelists should also be prepared to answer questions including, but not limited to, the following: Have the six criteria in the Tariff established a zonal configuration that reflects the physical constraints on the MISO transmission system? If there is little or no congestion between adjacent zones, what are the reasons for and against combining the zones? What changes to the criteria and/or zonal configuration are currently being considered by MISO?

*Break:* (3:00 p.m.–3:15 p.m.)

*Session 4: Wrap Up* (3:15 p.m.–4:00 p.m.)

Panelists should be prepared to answer questions including, but not limited to, the following: What changes to the Tariff, including those not discussed in the first three sessions, might be necessary to ensure just and reasonable outcomes going forward, and, of these changes, which can be implemented for the 2016/17 Auction?

*Conference Conclusion: Next Steps* (4:00 p.m.–4:15 p.m.)

Following the technical conference, the Commission will consider post-technical conference comments regarding the matters discussed at the conference submitted on or before November 4, 2015.

For more information about this technical conference, please contact Elizabeth Shen, 202–502–6545, [elizabeth.shen@ferc.gov](mailto:elizabeth.shen@ferc.gov), regarding legal issues; or Angelo Mastrogiacommo, 202–502–8689, [angelo.mastrogiacommo@ferc.gov](mailto:angelo.mastrogiacommo@ferc.gov), and Emma Nicholson, 202–502–8846, [emma.nicholson@ferc.gov](mailto:emma.nicholson@ferc.gov), regarding technical issues; or Sarah McKinley, 202–502–8368,

[sarah.mckinley@ferc.gov](mailto:sarah.mckinley@ferc.gov), regarding logistical issues.

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**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA–HQ–OPP–2015–0669; FRL–9934–99]

### Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee; Notice of Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Pesticide Programs is announcing a public meeting of the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee (PPDC) on October 21–22, 2015. In addition, EPA is announcing meetings on October 20, 2015, of the following PPDC Workgroups: Integrated Pest Management, Comparative Safety Statements, 21st Century Toxicology/New Integrated Testing Strategies, and Pesticide Incidents. These meetings provide advice and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on issues associated with pesticide regulatory development and reform initiatives, evolving public policy and program implementation issues, and science issues associated with evaluating and reducing risks from use of pesticides.

**DATES:** The PPDC meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 21, 2015, from 9 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Thursday, October 22, 2015, from 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

*Work Group Meetings:* On Tuesday, October 20, 2015, PPDC Work Group meetings are scheduled as follows: Integrated Pest Management Work Group, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Comparative Safety Statements Work Group, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., 21st Century Toxicology/New Integrated Testing Strategies Work Group, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., and Pesticide Incidents Work Group, 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* A draft agenda will be posted on or before October 7, 2015.

*Accommodations requests:* To request accommodation of a disability, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, preferably at least 10 days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.