

Order No. 890–A, the Commission noted that each RTO and ISO may fulfill its obligations under Order No. 890 by delegating certain planning activities to, or otherwise relying on, its transmission owning members, provided that the rights and responsibilities of all parties are clearly stated in the RTO/ISO OATT.⁵ The Commission also explained that, in many cases, RTO/ISO transmission planning processes may focus principally on regional problems and solutions, while local planning issues may be addressed by individual transmission owners. Noting that these local planning issues may be critically important to transmission customers, the Commission stated that transmission owners must, to the extent that they perform transmission planning within an RTO or ISO, comply with Order No. 890 as well.⁶

In a series of orders issued between 2008 and 2010, the Commission accepted CAISO's TPP as consistent with the requirements of Order No. 890.⁷ As is relevant here, in an order issued on May 21, 2009, the Commission found that "the local planning activities conducted by the participating transmission owners [in CAISO] are reasonable and the process, as set forth in the [CAISO] tariff and business practice manual, is transparent."⁸ However, more recently, a number of interested parties have raised concerns regarding the lack of opportunity for stakeholder review of transmission-related maintenance and compliance activities, including, but not limited to, certain transmission-related capital additions, which CAISO PTOs do not submit to CAISO's TPP.⁹

In an order issued concurrently with this notice in Docket No. ER18–370–

000, the Commission finds that protesters in that proceeding raise important questions that relate to the processes by which all CAISO PTOs determine which transmission-related maintenance and compliance activities, including, but not limited to, transmission-related capital additions, must be submitted to CAISO's TPP. In that order, the Commission directs Commission staff to convene a technical conference to explore these issues.

The specific issues to be discussed include, but are not limited to: (1) The types of transmission-related maintenance and compliance activities, including, but not limited to, certain transmission-related capital additions, that the PTOs submit for review through CAISO's TPP; (2) the process by which PTOs determine which transmission-related maintenance and compliance activities must be considered through CAISO's TPP; and (3) the types of transmission-related maintenance and compliance activities and the process that the CAISO PTOs undertake independent of CAISO's TPP. As part of this discussion, staff seeks to understand the differences in the processes used by each individual PTO in CAISO, the concerns of interested parties regarding these processes, and any role that CAISO may play in these processes. Staff emphasizes that, while Docket Nos. ER18–370–000 and EL17–45–000 specifically relate to Southern California Edison Company and PG&E, respectively, this technical conference will explore the transmission planning processes of *all* PTOs in CAISO and of CAISO itself.

A supplemental notice(s) will be issued prior to the technical conference with further details regarding the agenda and organization of the technical conference.

All interested persons may attend the conference, and registration is not required. However, in-person attendees are encouraged to register on-line at <https://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/05-01-18-form.asp>. This event will NOT be webcast. However, for those who cannot attend in person we will provide a listen-only telephone line, if requested. Those wishing this service should register at the link provided and specify the telephone line option.

The technical conference will be transcribed, and transcripts will be available immediately for a fee from Ace Reporting Company (202) 347–3700.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Cross-Media Electronic Reporting: Authorized Program Revision Approval, State of Missouri

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces EPA's approval of the State of Missouri's request to revise/modify certain of its EPA-authorized programs to allow electronic reporting.

DATES: EPA approves the authorized program revision for the State of Missouri's National Primary Drinking Water Regulations Implementation program as of April 30, 2018, if no timely request for a public hearing is received and accepted by the Agency. EPA approves the State's other authorized program revisions as of March 30, 2018.

openness; (3) transparency; (4) information exchange; (5) comparability; (6) dispute resolution; (7) regional participation; (8) economic planning studies; and (9) cost allocation for new projects.

⁵ Order No. 890–A, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,261 at P 175.

⁶ Order No. 890, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,241 at P 440.

⁷ See *Cal. Indep. Sys. Operator Corp.*, 123 FERC ¶ 61,283 (2008), *order denying reh'g and on compliance filing*, 127 FERC ¶ 61,172 (2009), *order on compliance filing*, 130 FERC ¶ 61,048 (2010).

⁸ *Cal. Indep. Sys. Operator Corp.*, 127 FERC ¶ 61,172 at P 118.

⁹ See, e.g., *Cal. Pub. Utils. Comm'n, et al. v. Pacific Gas & Elec. Co.*, Complaint, Docket No. EL17–45–000 (filed Feb. 2, 2017) (asserting that Pacific Gas & Electric Co. is in violation of Order No. 890 because it conducts more than 80 percent of its transmission planning on an internal basis without stakeholder review); *Cal. Pub. Utils. Comm'n Dec. 22, 2017 Protest*, Docket No. ER18–370–000 (protesting Southern California Edison Co.'s filing of an amendment to its Transmission Owner Tariff to create an annual Transmission Maintenance and Compliance Review process on the basis that the proposed process does not meet the requirements of Order No. 890).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

On October 13, 2005, the final Cross-Media Electronic Reporting Rule (CROMERR) was published in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 59848) and codified as part 3 of title 40 of the CFR. CROMERR establishes electronic reporting as an acceptable regulatory alternative to paper reporting and establishes requirements to assure that electronic documents are as legally dependable as their paper counterparts. Subpart D of CROMERR requires that state, tribal or local government agencies that receive, or wish to begin receiving, electronic reports under their EPA-authorized programs must apply to EPA for a revision or modification of those programs and obtain EPA approval. Subpart D provides standards for such approvals based on consideration of the electronic document receiving systems that the state, tribe, or local government will use to implement the electronic reporting. Additionally, § 3.1000(b) through (e) of 40 CFR part 3, subpart D provides special procedures for program revisions and modifications to allow electronic reporting, to be used at the option of the state, tribe or local government in place of procedures available under existing program-specific authorization regulations. An application submitted under the subpart D procedures must show that the state, tribe or local government has sufficient legal authority to implement the electronic reporting components of the programs covered by the application and will use electronic document receiving systems that meet the applicable subpart D requirements.

On February 14, 2018, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MoDNR) submitted an application titled "Missouri Gateway to Environmental Management" for revisions/modifications to its EPA-approved programs under title 40 CFR to allow new electronic reporting. EPA reviewed MoDNR's request to revise/modify its EPA-authorized programs and, based on this review, EPA determined that the application met the standards for approval of authorized program revisions/modifications set out in 40 CFR part 3, subpart D. In accordance with 40 CFR 3.1000(d), this notice of EPA's decision to approve Missouri's request to revise/modify its following EPA-authorized programs to

allow electronic reporting under 40 CFR parts 50-52, 60-65, 70, 122, 125, 141, 144, 146, 240-259, 260-270, 272-279, 280, 403-471, and 763 is being published in the **Federal Register**:

Part 52—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans;

Part 62—Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants;

Part 63—National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories;

Part 70—State Operating Permit Programs;

Part 123—EPA Administered Permit Programs: The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System;

Part 142—National Primary Drinking Water Regulations Implementation;

Part 145—State Underground Injection Control Programs;

Part 239—Requirements for State Permit Program Determination of Adequacy;

Part 271—Requirements for Authorization of State Hazardous: Waste Program;

Part 281—Technical Standards and Corrective Action Requirements for Owners and Operators of Underground Storage Tanks;

Part 403—General Pretreatment Regulations for Existing and New Sources of Pollution; and

Part 763—Asbestos.

MoDNR was notified of EPA's determination to approve its application with respect to the authorized programs listed above.

Also, in today's notice, EPA is informing interested persons that they may request a public hearing on EPA's action to approve the State of Missouri's request to revise its authorized public water system program under 40 CFR part 142, in accordance with 40 CFR 3.1000(f). Requests for a hearing must be submitted to EPA within 30 days of publication of today's **Federal Register** notice. Such requests should include the following information: (1) The name, address and telephone number of the individual, organization or other entity requesting a hearing;

(2) A brief statement of the requesting person's interest in EPA's determination, a brief explanation as to why EPA should hold a hearing, and any other information that the requesting person wants EPA to consider when determining whether to grant the request;

(3) The signature of the individual making the request, or, if the request is made on behalf of an organization or other entity, the signature of a responsible official of the organization or other entity.

In the event a hearing is requested and granted, EPA will provide notice of the hearing in the **Federal Register** not less than 15 days prior to the scheduled hearing date. Frivolous or insubstantial requests for hearing may be denied by EPA. Following such a public hearing, EPA will review the record of the hearing and issue an order either affirming today's determination or rescinding such determination. If no timely request for a hearing is received and granted, EPA's approval of the State of Missouri's request to revise its part 142—National Primary Drinking Water Regulations Implementation program to allow electronic reporting will become effective 30 days after today's notice is published, pursuant to CROMERR section 3.1000(f)(4).

Matthew Leopard,

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Issuance of Guidance Memorandum, "Project Emissions Accounting Under the New Source Review Preconstruction Permitting Program"

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Issuance of guidance memorandum.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is notifying the public that it has issued the guidance memorandum titled "Project Emissions Accounting Under the New Source Review Preconstruction Permitting Program."

ADDRESSES: You may view this guidance memorandum electronically at: <https://www.epa.gov/nsr/project-emissions-accounting>.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 13, 2018, the EPA issued a guidance memorandum that addresses the accounting of emissions changes resulting from a project under Step 1 of the New Source Review (NSR) applicability process in the EPA regulations. Step 1 of the NSR