

offer a second opportunity to submit written comment.

#### *What Happens to the Comments That I Submit?*

We will review your comments, in response to this notice, as part of our evaluation of the agencies' compliance with the Secretary's Criteria for Recognition of Accrediting Agencies and State Approval Agencies. The Criteria are regulations found in 34 CFR Part 602 (for accrediting agencies) and in 34 CFR Part 603 (for State approval agencies) and are found at the following site: <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OPE/accreditation>.

We will also include your comments with the staff analyses we present to the Advisory Committee at its December 2003 meeting. Therefore, in order for us to give full consideration to your comments, it is important that we receive them by September 18, 2003. In all instances, your comments about agencies seeking initial or continued recognition must relate to the Criteria for Recognition. In addition, your comments for any agency whose interim report is scheduled for review must relate to the issues raised and the Criteria for Recognition cited in the Secretary's letter that requested the interim report.

#### *What Happens to Comments Received After the Deadline?*

We will review any comments received after the deadline. If such comments, upon investigation, reveal that the accrediting agency is not acting in accordance with the Criteria for Recognition, we will take action either before or after the meeting, as appropriate.

#### *What Agencies Will the Advisory Committee Review at the Meeting?*

The Secretary of Education recognizes accrediting agencies and State approval agencies for public postsecondary vocational education and nurse education if the Secretary determines that they meet the Criteria for Recognition. Recognition means that the Secretary considers the agency to be a reliable authority as to the quality of education offered by institutions or programs it accredits that are encompassed within the scope of recognition he grants to the agency. The following agencies will be reviewed during the December 2003 meeting of the Advisory Committee:

#### **Nationally Recognized Accrediting Agencies**

##### *Petitions for Renewal of Recognition*

1. Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (Current scope of recognition: The accreditation of private, postsecondary allied health education institutions and institutions that offer predominantly allied health programs, private medical assistant programs, and public and private medical laboratory technician programs leading to the Associate of Applied Science and the Associate of Occupational Science degrees.)

*Interim Reports* (An interim report is a follow-up report on an accrediting agency's compliance with specific criteria for recognition that was requested by the Secretary when the Secretary granted renewed recognition to the agency.)

1. Accrediting Commission on Education for Health Services Administration
2. American Board of Funeral Service Education
3. Association of Advanced Rabbinical and Talmudic Schools
4. National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education

##### *Progress Reports*

1. Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges (This is a report on the agency's implementation of its new standards).
2. Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Accrediting Commission for Schools (This is a report on the agency's action plan for coming into compliance with criteria for recognition).

#### **State Agencies Recognized for the Approval of Public Postsecondary Vocational Education**

##### *Petitions for Renewal of Recognition*

1. Missouri State Board of Education (Current scope of recognition: The approval of public, postsecondary vocational education in the state of Missouri)

At its June 2003 meeting, the Advisory Committee recommended that review of this agency's petition for continued recognition be deferred until the Committee's December 2003 meeting.

##### *Interim Reports*

2. New York Board of Regents (Public Postsecondary Vocational Education Unit)

#### **State Agencies Recognized for the Approval of Nurse Education**

##### *Interim Reports*

1. North Dakota Board of Nursing

Where Can I Inspect Petitions and Third-Party Comments Before and After the Meeting?

All petitions and those third-party comments received in advance of the meeting, will be available for public inspection and copying at the U.S. Department of Education, room 7105, MS 8509, 1990 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006, telephone (202) 219-7011 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, until November 14, 2003. They will be available again after the December 8-9 Advisory Committee meeting. An appointment must be made in advance of such inspection or copying.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

### **Bonneville Power Administration**

#### **Electrical Interconnection of the Summit/Westward Project**

**AGENCY:** Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of Record of Decision (ROD).

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of the ROD to offer contract terms for interconnection of the proposed Summit/Westward Project into the Federal Columbia River Transmission System at BPA's Allston

Substation. This decision is consistent with BPA's Business Plan Final Environmental Impact Statement (DOE/EIS-0183, June 1995) and the Business Plan ROD (August 1995). The project is proposed by Westward Energy, LLC, and involves construction and operation of a 520-megawatt natural-gas-fired, combined-cycle generating facility to be located in Columbia County, Oregon, about 4.5 miles north of Clatskanie, Oregon.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the ROD and EIS may be obtained by calling BPA's toll-free document request line, 1-800-622-4520. The ROD and EIS Summary are also available on our Web site, [www.efw.bpa.gov](http://www.efw.bpa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:** Dawn Boorse, Bonneville Power Administration—KEC-4, P.O. Box 3621, Portland, Oregon, 97208-3621; toll-free telephone number 1-800-282-3713; direct telephone number 503-230-5678; fax number 503-230-5699; or e-mail [drboorse@bpa.gov](mailto:drboorse@bpa.gov).

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**Stephen J. Wright,**  
*Administrator and Chief Executive Officer.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. EL02-111-000 and EL03-212-000]

**Before Commissioners: Pat Wood III, Chairman; William L. Massey, and Nora Mead Brownell; Order on Initial Decision**

Issued: July 23, 2003.

Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.; PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. and all Transmission Owners (including the entities identified below); Union Electric Company; Central Illinois Public Service Company; Appalachian Power Company; Columbus Southern Power Company; Indiana Michigan Power Company; Kentucky Power Company; Kingsport Power Company; Ohio Power Company; Wheeling Power Company; Michigan Electric Transmission Company; Dayton Power and Light Company; Commonwealth Edison Company; Commonwealth Edison Company of Indiana, Inc.; American Transmission Systems, Inc.; Illinois Power Company; Northern Indiana Public Service Company; Virginia Electric and Power Company; IES Utilities, Inc.; Interstate Power Company; Aquila, Inc. (formerly UtiliCorp United, Inc.); PSI Energy, Inc.; Union Light Heat & Power Company;

Dairyland Power Cooperative; Great River Energy; Hoosier Energy Rural Electric Cooperative; Indiana Municipal Power Agency; Indianapolis Power & Light Company; Louisville Gas & Electric Company; Kentucky Utilities Company; Lincoln Electric (Neb.) System; Minnesota Power, Inc. and its subsidiary Superior Water, Light & Power Company; Montana-Dakota Utilities; Northwestern Wisconsin Electric Company; Otter Tail Power Company; Southern Illinois Power Cooperative; Southern Indiana Gas & Electric Cooperative; Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency; Sunflower Electric Power Corporation; Wabash Valley Power Association, Inc.; Wolverine Power Supply Cooperative; International Transmission Company; Alliant Energy West; Xcel Energy Services, Inc.; MidAmerican Energy Company; Corn Belt Power Corporation; Allegheny Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Atlantic City Electric Company; Baltimore Gas & Electric Company; Delmarva Power & Light Company; Jersey Central Power & Light Company; Metropolitan Edison Company; PECO Energy Company; Pennsylvania Electric Company; PPL Electric Utilities Corporation; Potomac Electric Power Company; UGI Utilities, Inc.; Allegheny Power; Carolina Power & Light Company; Central Power & Light Company; Conectiv; Detroit Edison Company; Duke Power Company; Florida Power & Light Company; GPU Energy; Northeast Utilities Service Company; Old Dominion Electric Cooperative; Public Service Company of Colorado; Public Service Electric & Gas Company; Public Service Company of Oklahoma; Rockland Electric Company; South Carolina Electric & Gas Company; Southwestern Electric Power Company; Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company; Missouri Public Service; WestPlains Energy; Cleco Corporation; Kansas Power & Light Company; OG+E Electric Services; Southwestern Public Service Company; Empire District Electric Company; Western Resources; Kansas Gas & Electric Co.; Ameren Services Company on behalf of: Union Electric Company, Central Illinois Public Service Company; American Electric Power Service Corporation on behalf of: Appalachian Power Company, Columbus Southern Power Company, Indiana Michigan Power Company, Kentucky Power Company, Kingsport Power Company, Ohio Power Company, Wheeling Power Company; Dayton Power and Light Company; Exelon Corporation on behalf of: Commonwealth Edison Company, Commonwealth Edison Company of Indiana, Inc.; FirstEnergy Corporation on behalf of: American Transmission Systems, Inc., Cleveland Electric Illuminating Power Company, Ohio Edison Company, Pennsylvania Power Company, Toledo Edison Company; Illinois Power Company; and Northern Indiana Public Service Company.

1. This order addresses an initial decision issued in the above proceeding, where the Presiding Judge determined that he had no precedential authority that would permit him to eliminate the Regional Through and Out Rates (RTORs) between the expanded

Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. (Midwest ISO) and expanded PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. (PJM) under the circumstances of this case. The order disagrees with the Presiding Judge's finding and concludes that the Midwest ISO and PJM RTORs, when applied to transactions sinking within the proposed Midwest ISO/PJM footprint, are unjust and unreasonable, and directs PJM and Midwest ISO to make a compliance filing within 30 days eliminating these RTORs effective November 1, 2003.

2. The order also finds that the through and out rates under the tariffs of certain individual former Alliance Companies may be unjust, unreasonable or unduly discriminatory or preferential and initiates an investigation and hearing in Docket No. EL03-212-000 under section 206 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. 824e (2000) regarding these rates. The Commission will conduct a "paper" hearing to determine whether such rates are just, reasonable and not unduly discriminatory or preferential and thus provides parties with an opportunity to explain why the rates are or are not unjust, unreasonable or unduly discriminatory or preferential on or before August 15, 2003.

3. The order also states that the Commission will entertain section 205 filings to establish transitional cost recovery mechanisms once the RTORs are eliminated, and provides guidance in this regard.

### Background

#### July 31 Order

4. On July 31, 2002, the Commission issued an order<sup>1</sup> that conditionally accepted the compliance filings of the former Alliance Companies, under which they proposed to join either Midwest ISO or PJM, as consistent with Order No. 2000,<sup>2</sup> subject to satisfactory compliance with certain conditions, summarized as follows: (1) That a single market across the two Regional Transmission Organizations (RTO) must be implemented by October 1, 2004; (2) that National Grid USA (National Grid) participates in both Midwest ISO as GridAmerica and in PJM, and performs

<sup>1</sup> See *Alliance Companies, et al.*, 100 FERC ¶ 61,137 (2002) (July 31 Order).

<sup>2</sup> Regional Transmission Organizations, Order No. 2000, 65 FR 809 (January 6, 2000), FERC Stats. & Regs., Regulations Preambles July 1996–December 2000 ¶ 31,089 (1999), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 2000–A, 65 FR 12088 (March 8, 2000), FERC Stats. & Regs., Regulations Preambles July 1996–December 2000 ¶ 31,092 (2000), *affirmed sub nom. Public Utility District No. 1 Snohomish County Washington, et al., v. FERC*, 272 F.3d 607 (D.C. Cir. 2002) (Order No. 2000).