

at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to discuss the market power analysis and mitigation measures set forth in the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.'s (Midwest ISO) ancillary services market proposal. This technical conference was established in an Order Establishing Technical Conference in the above-captioned dockets, issued November 19, 2007. It will be held in the Commission Meeting Room at the headquarters of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. (EST).

The technical conference will be divided into two sessions. The first session will address market power issues and the second session will address mitigation issues. The format of the conference and sessions will be as follows:

Staff and Midwest ISO Introduction To Conference: 9–9:15.

First Session: Market Power Issues:

Independent Market Monitor (IMM) Presentation Addressing Appendix Questions: 9:15–9:45.

(See attached Appendix to this Notice)

Questions and Issues From Parties: 9:45–11:30.

Staff Follow-up Questions: 11:30–12.

Lunch: 12–1.

Second Session: Mitigation Issues:

IMM Presentation Addressing Appendix Questions: 1–1:30.

Questions and Issues From Parties: 1:30–3:15.

Staff Follow-up Questions: 3:15–3:45.

Next Steps: 3:45–4.

The conference is open for the public to attend. The conference will not be transcribed and telephone participation will not be available.

The Commission will accept written comments on the discussion at this technical conference no later than 5 p.m. Eastern Time on December 20, 2007, and reply comments no later than 5 p.m. Eastern Time on January 7, 2008.

Commission conferences are accessible under section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For accessibility accommodations please send an e-mail to [accessibility@ferc.gov](mailto:accessibility@ferc.gov) or call toll free 1–866–208–3372 (voice) or 202–208–1659 (TTY), or send a FAX to 202–208–2106 with the required accommodations.

For more information about this conference, please contact: John Nail, Office of Energy Market Regulation,

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**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

### Appendix

The following questions pertain to aspects of the Midwest ISO proposal that require further clarification. The Midwest ISO is requested to provide materials at the conference addressing these questions and to be prepared to discuss them. The Midwest ISO should provide its full and complete answers to all questions for the record of this proceeding in its filing of comments.

#### Questions To Be Discussed in the First Session

- Provide a market power analysis for the spring and fall shoulder seasons. Present the results of the new analysis at the technical conference.

- The definition of ancillary services sub-markets:

- Provide the basis for how the sub-markets and reserve zones are defined and explain the differences between the two.

- Is the IMM market power analysis for only illustrative purposes or is it intended to be relied on in this proceeding?

- How will the potential for market power be evaluated as a result of any zonal reconfiguration?

- Either submit separate analyses for spinning and supplemental reserves or provide an analysis demonstrating that the two products are substitutes for each other. Present the results of the analysis at the technical conference.

- Provide historical data, separately for each ancillary services product (regulating reserves, spinning reserves and supplemental reserves), since the start of the Midwest ISO energy markets that indicates: (1) The capacity (in MWs) and number of generator resources that could provide ancillary services; and (2) the actual ancillary services provided, in MW and number of generator resources. Present the results of the analysis at the technical conference.

#### Questions To Be Discussed in the Second Session

- What is the basis for the IMM's conclusion that there will be sufficient competition to ensure just and reasonable prices in those hours and locations when mitigation thresholds are not triggered?

- Explain how reference levels are determined for suppliers in constrained areas, such as those identified in the IMM analysis. In his testimony, the IMM indicates reference levels are based on competitive offers. Please provide the basis for this assertion and explain whether all offers by suppliers in constrained areas are considered to be offers made under competitive conditions. If not, how does the IMM determine which offers are made under competitive conditions?

- Is a backstop reference price, such as is used in the New York Independent System Operator (NYISO), appropriate for sub-markets with only one or two suppliers? Explain the reasons underlying your response.

- Considering the market power characteristics of the Midwest ISO ancillary services market and its sub-markets, what are the pros and cons of conduct/impact mitigation compared to mitigating offers at a cost-based rate?

- What method and criteria will the IMM use to audit and identify any supplier that withholds power in either the energy or ancillary services markets, including during periods of scarcity pricing?

- The Midwest ISO states that variations of how it intends to mitigate its ancillary services market are being used by existing RTOs/ISOs. Explain the similarities and differences between the Midwest ISO mitigation proposal and the PJM Interconnection (PJM) and California Independent System Operator (CAISO) ancillary services markets mitigation programs.

- The Midwest ISO states that there are no unreasonable barriers to entry that would compromise the competitiveness of the Regulating Reserve market. Prospectively, what will the Midwest ISO do to ensure a lack of barriers to entry and encourage suppliers to bid into the congested submarket areas?

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA–HQ–OA–2007–0933; FRL–8499–6]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Confidential Financial Disclosure Form for Special Government Employees Serving on Federal Advisory Committees at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; EPA ICR No. 2260.02, OMB Control No. 2090–0029**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*), this document announces that EPA is planning to submit a request to renew an existing approved Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). This ICR is scheduled to expire on 2/29/2008. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before January 28, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–OA–2007–0933 by one of the following methods:

• *www.regulations.gov*: Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

• *E-mail*: [oei.docket@epa.gov](mailto:oei.docket@epa.gov).

• *Fax*: 202-566-9744

• *Mail*: OEI Docket, USEPA, Mail

Code: 2822T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460. *Hand Delivery*: EPA Docket Center, EPA West Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460. Such deliveries are only accepted during the Docket's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

*Instructions*: Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OA-2007-0933. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at

*www.regulations.gov*, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through *www.regulations.gov* or e-mail. The *www.regulations.gov* Web site is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through *www.regulations.gov* your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses. For additional information about EPA's public docket visit the EPA Docket Center homepage at <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Vicki Ellis, Office of Cooperative Environmental Management, Mail Code 1601M, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: 202-564-1203; fax number: 202-564-8129; e-mail address: [ellis.vicki@epa.gov](mailto:ellis.vicki@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**How Can I Access the Docket and/or Submit Comments?**

EPA has established a public docket for this ICR under Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OA-2007-0933, which is available for online viewing at *www.regulations.gov*, or in person viewing at the Environmental Information Docket in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460. The EPA/DC Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Reading Room is 202-566-1744, and the telephone number for the Environmental Information Docket is 202-566-9744.

Use *www.regulations.gov* to obtain a copy of the draft collection of information, submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the docket ID number identified in this document.

**What Information Is EPA Particularly Interested In?**

Pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, EPA specifically solicits comments and information to enable it to:

(i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses. In particular, EPA is requesting comments from very small businesses (those that employ less than 25) on examples of specific additional efforts that EPA could make to reduce the paperwork burden for very small businesses affected by this collection.

**What Should I Consider When I Prepare My Comments for EPA?**

You may find the following suggestions helpful for preparing your comments:

1. Explain your views as clearly as possible and provide specific examples.
2. Describe any assumptions that you used.
3. Provide copies of any technical information and/or data you used that support your views.
4. If you estimate potential burden or costs, explain how you arrived at the estimate that you provide.
5. Offer alternative ways to improve the collection activity.
6. Make sure to submit your comments by the deadline identified under **DATES**.
7. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, be sure to identify the docket ID number assigned to this action in the subject line on the first page of your response. You may also provide the name, date, and **Federal Register** citation.

**What Information Collection Activity or ICR Does This Apply to?**

*Affected entities*: Entities potentially affected by this action are approximately 300 candidates for membership as Special Government Employees (SGEs) on EPA Federal advisory committees. The Form 3110-48 is completed as part of the member selection process and before they are invited to serve as a member of a Federal advisory committee (FAC) at EPA.

*Title*: Confidential Financial Disclosure Form for Special Government Employees Serving on Federal Advisory Committees at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

*ICR numbers*: EPA ICR No. 2260.02, OMB Control No. 2090-0029.

*ICR status*: This ICR is currently scheduled to expire on 02/29/2008. An Agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations in title 40 of the CFR, after appearing in the **Federal Register** when approved, are listed in 40 CFR part 9, and are displayed either by publication in the **Federal Register** or by other appropriate means, such as on the related collection instrument or form, if applicable. The display of OMB control numbers in certain EPA regulations is consolidated in 40 CFR part 9.

*Abstract*: The purpose of this information collection request is to assist the United States Environmental

Protection Agency (EPA or the Agency) in selecting Federal advisory committee members who will be appointed as Special Government Employees (SGEs), mostly to EPA's scientific and technical committees. To select SGE members as efficiently and cost effectively as possible, the Agency needs to evaluate potential conflicts of interest before a candidate is hired as an SGE and appointed as a member to a committee by EPA's Administrator or Deputy Administrator.

Agency officials developed the "Confidential Financial Disclosure Form for Special Government Employees Serving on Federal Advisory Committees at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency," also referred to as Form 3110-48, for a greater inclusion of information to discover any potential conflicts of interest as recommended by the Government Accountability Office.

**Burden Statement:** The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average one hour per response. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements which have subsequently changed; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

The ICR provides a detailed explanation of the Agency's estimate, which is only briefly summarized here:

- *Estimated total number of potential respondents:* 300.
- *Frequency of response:* Annual.
- *Estimated total average number of responses for each respondent:* 1.
- *Estimated total annual burden hours:* 300 hours/1 hour per respondent.
- *Estimated total annual costs:* \$33,000. There are no capital investment or maintenance and operational costs.

#### Are There Changes in the Estimates From the Last Approval?

The burden estimates have been changed to reflect an expected increase of the number of respondents (from 276 to 300), as well as an increase of

respondents' costs to complete the form, to cover the next 3 years.

#### What is the Next Step in the Process for This ICR?

EPA will consider the comments received and amend the ICR as appropriate. The final ICR package will then be submitted to OMB for review and approval pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12. At that time, EPA will issue another **Federal Register** notice pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.5(a)(1)(iv) to announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB. If you have any questions about this ICR or the approval process, please contact Vicki Ellis, Office of Cooperative Environmental Management, Mail Code 1601M, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: 202-564-1203; fax number: 202-564-8129; e-mail address: [ellis.vicki@epa.gov](mailto:ellis.vicki@epa.gov).

Dated: November 20, 2007.

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-RCRA-2007-0387; FRL-8499-1]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Hazardous Waste Specific Unit Requirements, and Special Waste Processes and Types (Renewal), EPA ICR Number 1572.07, OMB Control Number 2050-0050

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA)(44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*), this document announces that an Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. This is a request to renew an existing approved collection. The ICR, which is abstracted below, describes the nature of the information collection and its estimated burden and cost.

**DATES:** Additional comments may be submitted on or before December 27, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-

RCRA-2007-0387, to (1) EPA, either online using [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (our preferred method), or by e-mail to [rcradocket@epa.gov](mailto:rcradocket@epa.gov), or by mail to: RCRA Docket (2822T), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; and (2) OMB, by mail to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Norma Abdul-Malik, Office of Solid Waste (5303P), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: 703-308-8753; fax number: 703-308-8617; e-mail address: [abdul-malik.norma@epa.gov](mailto:abdul-malik.norma@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** EPA has submitted the following ICR to OMB for review and approval according to the procedures prescribed in 5 CFR 1320.12. On June 11, 2007 (72 FR 32093), EPA sought comments on this ICR pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.8(d). EPA received no comments. Any additional comments on this ICR should be submitted to EPA and OMB within 30 days of this notice.

EPA has established a public docket for this ICR under Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-RCRA-2007-0387, which is available for online viewing at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), or in person viewing at the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Docket in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA/DC Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the RCRA Docket is (202) 566-0270.

Use EPA's electronic docket and comment system at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the docket, and to access those documents in the docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select "docket search," then key in the docket ID number identified above. Please note that EPA's policy is that public comments, whether submitted electronically or in paper, will be made available for public viewing at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) as EPA receives them and without change, unless the comment contains copyrighted material, Confidential Business Information (CBI), or other information whose public disclosure is restricted by statute. For further