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Duke Power Company, LLC; Notice of Intention To Hold a Public Meeting To Discuss the Draft Environmental Assessment for the Tuckasegee Hydroelectric Projects

May 17, 2006.

On May 10, 2006, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) staff issued a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the relicensing of the Bryson, East Fork, and West Fork Hydroelectric Projects and for the surrender of the Dillsboro Hydroelectric Project.

The DEA was noticed in the **Federal Register** on May 17, 2006, and comments are due June 9, 2006. The DEA evaluates the environmental consequences of the operation and maintenance of the Tuckasegee Hydroelectric Projects in North Carolina. The DEA also evaluates the environmental effects of implementing the applicant's proposals, agency and non-governmental organization recommendations, staff's modifications, and the no-action alternative.

A public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 8, 2006, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Jackson County Justice and Administration Building, Courtroom #2, 401 Grindstaff Cove Road; Sylva, NC 28779.

At this meeting, resource agency personnel and other interested persons will have the opportunity to provide oral and written comments and recommendations regarding the DEA for the Commission's public record. These meetings will be recorded by an official stenographer.

For further information, please contact Carolyn Holsopple at (202) 502-6407, or by e-mail at carolyn.holsopple@ferc.gov.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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[Docket Nos. ER05-1410-000; and EL05-148-000]

PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.; Supplemental Notice of Staff Technical Conference

May 17, 2006.

As announced in the Notice of Staff Technical Conference issued on May 1, 2006 and in the Commission's April 20, 2006 Order,¹ the Commission staff will hold a technical conference on Wednesday, June 7 and Thursday, June 8, 2006 at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC. The purpose of the conference will be to address specific issues relating to the mechanisms to be used by PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. (PJM) to enable customers to satisfy reliability requirements. This conference is intended to be an informal working session focused solely on determining the appropriate parameters for the variable resource requirement, and the long term fixed resource adequacy requirement accepted in principle by the Commission in the April 20 Order. On June 7, the discussion will focus on the parameters of the variable resource requirement, and on June 8, the discussion will shift to the issue of long term fixed resource adequacy requirement. This supplemental notice provides additional information and an agenda for both days. The conference will be open for the public to attend. The conference will be held in the Commission Meeting Room.

All attendees will be welcome to participate to the extent possible. Parties who will participate in a conference panel will be asked to submit written comments of their position on the issues set forth above by May 30, 2006. In place of preliminary presentations from the panelists, staff will present questions to the panelists and ask for responses and discussion. To the extent that time permits during each panel, staff will also take questions or comments from the floor. Facilities for real-time PowerPoint presentations will not be available. All parties may file post-conference comments on or before June 22, 2006.

The conference will be transcribed. Transcripts of the conference will be immediately available from Ace Reporting Company (202-347-3700 or

1-800-336-6646) for a fee. They will be available for the public on the Commission's eLibrary seven calendar days after FERC receives the transcript. The eLibrary is accessible to the public on the Internet at <http://ferc.fed.us/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>.

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For further information regarding this conference, contact John McPherson at John.McPherson@ferc.gov.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

Attachment—Reliability Pricing Model in PJM

[Docket Nos. ER05-1410-000 and EL05-148-000]

June 7-8, 2006.

Technical Conference Agenda²

June 7, 2006 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (EST))

Panel I: Variable Resource Requirement

Panelists:

- Mr. Hisham Choueiki, Senior Energy Specialist, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.
- Dr. Benjamin Hobbs on behalf of PJM.
- Mr. Ezra Hausman on behalf of the Coalition of Consumers for Reliability (CCR).
- Mr. Andrew Ott, Vice President of Market Services, PJM.
- Mr. Seth Parker on behalf of Midwest Generation, Edison Mission Energy, Consolidated Edison Energy, Conectiv Energy Supply and Constellation Energy Commodities Group.
- Mr. Raymond Pasteris on behalf of PJM.
- Mr. Matthew Picardi on behalf of Coral Power L.L.C.
- Mr. Robert Stoddard on behalf of Mirant parties.
- Mr. Jonathan Wallach on behalf of CCR.

Issues:

A. How should the height and slope of the downward sloping demand curve be determined? Should the curve be based on the net cost of new generation entry, or on other factors such as the value to customers of alternative levels of capacity?

B. If the demand curve is based on the cost of new generation entry, what is the

¹ *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*, 115 FERC ¶ 61,079 (2006) (April 20 Order).

² Both this schedule and the list of panelists may change. The Commission will issue a further notice of such changes if time permits.

cost of new entry? How should these costs be determined?

C. How should expected revenues from the energy and ancillary service markets be estimated and how should they be used to adjust the height and slope of the demand curve?

D. What is the appropriate capacity level at which the capacity price should equal the net cost of new entry?

E. What is the appropriate slope or slopes for various portions of the demand curve?

F. What is the appropriate maximum price and the appropriate capacity level at which the price of capacity should fall to zero?

June 8, 2006 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (EST))

Panel II. Long Term Fixed Resource Adequacy Requirement

Panelists:

- Mr. Craig Baker, Senior Vice President, Regulatory Services, American Electric Power Service Corporation (AEP).
- Mr. Robert Bradish, Vice President, Transmission and Market Analysis, AEP.
- Mr. John Horstmann, Director of RTO Affairs, the Dayton Power and Light Company.
- Ms. Elizabeth Moler, Executive Vice President Government and Environmental Affairs and Public Policy, Exelon Corporation.
- Mr. Andrew Ott, Vice President of Market Services, PJM.
- Dr. Roy Shanker on behalf of PSEG Companies, FPL Energy L.L.C., Reliant Energy Inc., Constellation, Dominion Resources Services Inc.
- Mr. Robert Stoddard on behalf of Mirant parties.
- Mr. Stephen Wemple, Director, Retail and Regulatory Affairs, Consolidated Edison Energy.

Issues:

A. What should be the time period for which load serving entities (LSEs) must commit to using the long-term fixed resource requirement option?

B. What should be the level of deficiency charge needed to ensure compliance?

C. Should an LSE that fails to procure the full amount of capacity be precluded thereafter from using the long-term fixed resource requirement option?

D. How much capacity should the LSE be required to procure under this option?

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM93-11-000]

Revisions to Oil Pipeline Regulations Pursuant to the Energy Policy Act of 1992; Notice of Annual Change in the Producer Price Index for Finished Goods

May 18, 2006.

The Commission's regulations include a methodology for oil pipelines to change their rates through use of an index system that establishes ceiling levels for such rates. The Commission bases the index system, found at 18 CFR 342.3, on the annual change in the Producer Price Index for Finished Goods (PPI-FG), plus one point three percent (PPI+1.3). The Commission determined in an "Order Establishing Index For Oil Price Change Ceiling Levels" issued March 21, 2006, that PPI+1.3 is the appropriate oil pricing index factor for pipelines to use.¹

The regulations provide that the Commission will publish annually, an index figure reflecting the final change in the PPI-FG, after the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) publishes the final PPI-FG in May of each calendar year. The annual average PPI-FG index figures were 148.5 for 2004 and 155.7 for 2005.² Thus, the percent change (expressed as a decimal) in the annual average PPI-FG from 2004 to 2005, plus 1.3 percent, is positive .061485.³ Oil pipelines must multiply their July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006, index ceiling levels by positive 1.061485⁴ to compute their index ceiling levels for July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007, in accordance with 18 CFR 342.3(d). For guidance in calculating the ceiling levels for each 12 month period beginning January 1, 1995,⁵ see *Explorer Pipeline Company*, 71 FERC ¶ 61,416 at n.6 (1995).

¹ 114 FERC ¶ 61,293 at P 2 (2006).

² BLS publishes the final figure in mid-May of each year. This figure is publicly available from the Division of Industrial Prices and Price Indexes of the BLS, at (202) 691-7705, and in print in August in Table 1 of the annual data supplement to the BLS publication Producer Price Indexes via the Internet at [<http://www.bls.gov/ppi>]. To obtain the BLS data, click on "Get Detailed PPI Statistics," and then under the heading "Most Requested Statistics" click on "Commodity Data." At the next screen, under the heading "Producer Price Index—Commodity," select the first box, "Finished goods—WPUSOP3000", then scroll all the way to the bottom of this screen and click on Retrieve data.

³ $[155.7 - 148.5] / 148.5 = 0.048485 + .013 = 0.061485$.

⁴ $1 + 0.061485 = 1.061485$.

⁵ For a listing of all prior multipliers issued by the Commission, see the Commission's Web site, [<http://www.ferc.gov>]. The table of multipliers can be found under the headings "Oil" and "Index".

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User assistance is available for eLibrary and other aspects of FERC's Web site during normal business hours. For assistance, please contact the Commission's Online Support at 1-866-208-3676 (toll free) or 202-502-6652 (e-mail at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), or the Public Reference Room at (202) 502-8371, TTY (202) 502-8659. E-Mail the Public Reference Room at public.referenceroom@ferc.gov.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Management Support Technology Inc. (MTSI); Transfer of Data

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that pesticide related information submitted to EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) pursuant to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), including information that may have been claimed as Confidential Business Information (CBI) by the submitter, will be transferred to MTSI in accordance with 40 CFR 2.307(h)(3) and 2.308(i)(2). MTSI has been awarded multiple contracts to perform work for OPP, and access to this information will enable MTSI to fulfill the obligations of the contract.

DATES: MTSI will be given access to this information on or before May 30, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Felicia Croom, Information Technology and Resources Management Division