

d. *Purpose of the Meeting:* The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission seeks further clarification of resource agency comments, mandatory conditions, and recommended protection, mitigation, and enhancement measures filed in response to our Notice of Ready for Environmental Analysis issued September 4, 2002. At this time, we seek further clarification of estimated costs for implementation of these recommended measures in order to complete the developmental analysis required for our NEPA document.

e. *Agenda:* Clarification and confirmation of the assumptions underlying the estimated costs to implement the cited environmental measures.

f. All local, state, and federal agencies, Indian Tribes and interested parties, are hereby invited to participate in this meeting. Those wishing to audit by teleconference, may do so. In either case, please register with either Timothy Welch at the number listed above or with Leslie Smythe at (781) 444-3330 ext.481: lsmythe@louisberger.com No later than close of business May 14, 2002.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD02-13-000]

Notice of Technical Conference and Agenda; Southeast Energy Infrastructure Conference

April 26, 2002.

As announced in the Notice of Conference issued on March 20, 2002, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) will hold a conference on May 9, 2002 to discuss issues regarding energy infrastructure in the southeastern states. These states include Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, and Tennessee. This one-day conference will begin at 10 a.m.¹ and conclude at approximately 5 p.m., and will be held at the Orlando World Center Marriott Resort and Conference Center, 8701 World Center Drive, Orlando, Florida

(1-800-621-0638). All interested persons are invited to attend.

The conference will focus on the adequacy of the electric, gas and other energy infrastructure in the Southeast, and related matters. The FERC Commissioners will attend, and the Governors and state utility commissioners of the southeastern states have been invited to participate. The goal is to identify present infrastructure conditions, needs, investment and other barriers to expansion, and environmental and landowner concerns. We look forward to an informative discussion of the issues to clarify how the FERC can facilitate and enhance a comprehensive, collaborative approach to energy infrastructure development and reliability for the southeastern states. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission believes that without a well-functioning infrastructure, our ability to meet America's energy needs could be compromised and, secondarily, the healthy, sustainable wholesale markets we are working toward cannot succeed.

The conference Agenda is appended to this Notice. As indicated, the purpose of the conference is to discuss regional infrastructure issues among the panelists, and federal and state officials. It is not intended to deal with issues pending in individually docketed cases before the Commission, such as applications involving hydropower, natural gas certificates, or the formation of Regional Transmission Organizations (RTOs). Therefore, all participants are requested to address the agenda topics and avoid discussing the merits of individual proceedings.

Opportunities for Listening to and Obtaining Transcripts of the Conference

The Capital Connection will offer this meeting live via telephone coverage for a fee. There will not be live video coverage or videotapes of the conference. For more information about Capitol Connection's phone bridge, contact David Reininger or Julia Morelli (703-993-3100), or go to www.capitolconnection.gmu.edu.

Audio tapes of the meeting will be available from VISCOM (703-715-7999).

Additionally, 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 RIMS system two weeks after the conference.

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A reminder to please register for the conference online on the Commission

web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/calendar/courses-outreach/coursesoutreach.htm>. Scroll down and click on "Southeast Energy Infrastructure Conference". There is no registration fee.

Questions about the conference program should be directed to:

Carol Connors, Office of External Affairs, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, carol.connors@ferc.gov.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD02-13-000]

Southeast Energy Infrastructure Conference; Conference Agenda

The Orlando World Center Marriott Resort and Conference Center, 8701 World Center Drive, Orlando, Florida, May 9, 2002.

I. Opening Remarks and Introductions—10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Chairman Pat Wood, Commissioner Nora Mead Brownell, Commissioner William Massey and Commissioner Linda Breathitt

II. Overview of Current Energy Infrastructure—10:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

- Jeff Wright, Office of Energy Projects, FERC

III. Forecasts for Future Energy Use and Economic Impacts of Energy—10:45 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

What is the Southeast region's economic and demographic outlook over the coming decade?

What is the forecasted growth in energy needs?

How much energy is available and at what prices?

Where is additional energy needed?

- Mary Novak, Managing Director—Energy Consulting, DRI-WEFA
- Scott Sitzler, Director, Coal & Electric Power Div., EIA

IV. Near-term Energy Infrastructure Needs and Adequacy of Supplies—11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

What are the high priority infrastructure needs for today?

Where are additional transmission lines needed?

Can you identify areas or locations having infrastructure constraints that affect energy reliability?

What areas have a shortage of pipeline capacity? How often do customers' pipeline capacity needs go unsatisfied?

¹ This reflects a change in starting time from the March 20, 2002 notice.

What are the ramifications if the high-priority infrastructure needs in the region are not built?

Roundtable discussion on infrastructure improvements needed in electric, hydroelectric, and natural gas facilities.

- Walter Revell, Chairman & CEO, H.J. Ross Associates, Inc.
- William K. Newman, Senior Vice President, Transmission Planning & Operations, Southern Company Services, Inc
- Terry Boston, Executive Vice President, Transmission/Power Supply Group, Tennessee Valley Authority
- David P. Pursell, Director of Research, Simmons & Company, International
- Toi Anderson, Manager, Project Development (Southern Markets) Williams Gas Pipeline
- Paula Rospot, Chairman & CEO, AGL Resources

Lunch Break—12:45 p.m. to 2 p.m.

V. Identifying Factors Affecting Adequate Energy Infrastructure, Investment, and Alternative Actions—2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Why is needed infrastructure delayed or not being built?

What barriers have to be overcome?

What can state and federal governments do to overcome these barriers?

What planning process changes would you recommend to address the issues?

Do alternatives exist to new infrastructure projects?

Roundtable discussion of energy infrastructure barriers (e.g., barriers to siting, construction, or investment) and alternatives to construction.

- Frank Gallaher, President, Fossil Operations & Transmission, Entergy
- John Boone, Senior Vice President, Gulf South Pipeline Co.
- Hamilton “Buck” Oven, Administrator, Siting Coordination Office, Florida Department of Environmental Protection

- Gini Cooper, Chairman, Floyd Unified Landowners Association
- Richard Roos-Collins, Director, Dispute Resolution, Natural Heritage Institute
- Christine Tezak, Electricity Analyst, Washington Research Group, Schwab Capital Markets, L.P.
- Steven Gilliland, Senior Vice President, Asset Management, Duke Energy, N.A.

Break—3:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

VI. Discussion by State and Federal Officials of Next Steps and Closing Remarks by FERC Commissioners—3:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

- Braulio Baez, Commissioner, Florida Public Service Commission
- Michael Callahan, Chairman, Mississippi Public Service Commission
- Irma Muse Dixon, Commissioner, Louisiana Public Service Commission
- Samuel James “Jimmy” Ervin, IV, Commissioner, North Carolina Utilities Commission
- Sandra L. Hochstetter, Chairman, Arkansas Public Service Commission

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Regulations Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice

April 26, 2002.

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(h), of the receipt of exempt and prohibited off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive an exempt or a prohibited off-the-record

communication relevant to the merits of a contested on-the-record proceeding, to deliver a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication, to the Secretary.

Prohibited communications will be included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited off-the-record communication, and may request that the Commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such requests only when it determines that fairness so requires. Any person identified below as having made a prohibited off-the-record communication should serve the document on all parties listed on the official service list for the applicable proceeding in accordance with Rule 2010, 18 CFR 385.2010.

Exempt off-the-record communications will be included in the decisional record of the proceeding, unless the communication was with a cooperating agency as described by 40 CFR 1501.6, made under 18 CFR 385.2201(e)(1)(v).

The following is a list of exempt and prohibited off-the-record communications received in the Office of the Secretary within the preceding 14 days. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. The documents may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the “RIMS” link, select “Docket#” and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

EXEMPT

Docket No.	Date filed	Presenter or requester
1. Docket No. CP98-150-000	4-12-02	Andrew J. Spano.
2. Project No. 2042-000	4-22-02	Mark Killgore.
3. Project Nos. 1932-004, 1933-010, 1934-010	4-22-02	Jon Cofrancesco.