

Comment Date: 5 p.m. eastern time on March 22, 2005.

17. First Electric Cooperative Corporation

[Docket No. RT01-59-001]

Take notice that on March 1, 2005, First Electric Cooperative Corporation, pursuant to the Commission's letter order issued February 8, 2005, submitted a report on its recent and current efforts with respect to regional transmission organizations.

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Standard Paragraph

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant and all parties to this proceeding.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

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Linda Mitry,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Settlement Agreement Modification and Solicitation of Comments

March 10, 2005.

Please take notice that the following settlement agreement modification has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection. The filing includes a request to amend an associated decommissioning application to reflect the settlement agreement modification.

a. *Type of Application:* Modification of Settlement Agreement.

b. *Project No.:* P-2342-011.

c. *Date filed:* February 28, 2005.

d. *Applicant:* PacifiCorp.

e. *Name of Project:* Condit Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the White Salmon River in Klickitat and Skamania Counties, Washington.

g. *Applicant Contact:* Jeff Lovinger, 825 NE. Multnomah, Suite 1500, Portland, Oregon 97232; (503) 230-7120.

h. *FERC Contact:* Nicholas Jayjack, (202) 502-6073; Nicholas.Jayjack@ferc.gov.

i. *Deadline for filing comments:* March 21, 2005. Reply comments due March 31, 2005.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

Comments may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-Filing" link.

j. On October 29, 1999, PacifiCorp filed a settlement agreement, signed by 23 Federal and State agencies and non-governmental organizations, to decommission the Condit Hydroelectric Project commencing October 1, 2006. The 1999 settlement agreement, among

other things, limits PacifiCorp's commitment to fund decommissioning to \$17,150,000 (1999 dollars), of which a maximum of \$2,000,000 would be for permitting and mitigation costs. Anticipating that permitting and mitigation costs will exceed \$2,000,000, PacifiCorp signed a memorandum of agreement with the parties that modifies the 1999 settlement agreement to: (1) Delay the commencement of decommissioning to October 1, 2008; (2) increase PacifiCorp's commitment to fund decommissioning to \$20,450,000 (1999 dollars); and (3) increase the maximum amount of permitting and mitigation costs to \$5,300,000 (1999 dollars). By this notice, we are providing an opportunity to submit comments concerning the modified provisions of the settlement agreement.

k. A copy of the memorandum of agreement modifying the settlement agreement is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via e-mail of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM05-7-000 and AD04-13-000]

Potential New Wholesale Transmission Services; Assessing the State of Wind Energy in Wholesale Electricity Markets; Notice of Final Agenda for Technical Workshop

March 10, 2005.

As announced in the Notice of Technical Workshop issued on February 1, 2005, and March 2, 2005, the staffs of Bonneville Power Administration (BPA)

and the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) will participate with the staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) at a workshop on March 16–17, 2005. The workshop will be held at the Doubletree Hotel & Executive Meeting Center Portland-Lloyd Center, 1000 NE Multnomah, Portland, Oregon 97232. The workshop is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. and end at approximately 5 p.m. (PST) each day.

The goal of the workshop is to work with market participants to develop clear definitions for additional wholesale electric transmission services, e.g., conditional firm transmission service, develop applicable pro forma tariff language that could be included in public utilities' open access transmission tariffs and address attendant issues.

Attachment A of this Notice contains the final agenda for the workshop. Attachment B contains a table prepared by Commission staff that identifies and briefly describes the new transmission services proposed by other entities. Attachment C contains a proposal for a BPA "Conditional-Firm Product." Panelists are strongly encouraged to coordinate among themselves prior to the workshop to minimize overlap in the information presented at the workshop by using the information attached to this Notice.

The Commission will solicit comments related to the workshop to be filed in the captioned dockets by April 13, 2005. The comments will be available for review in the Commission's e-Library. The public will have the opportunity to file reply comments in response to these comments by April 29, 2005.

The conference workshop is open for the public to attend, and preregistration is not required; on-site attendees may simply register on the day of the event.

Capitol Connection offers the opportunity for remote listening of the conference via the Internet or a Phone Bridge Connection for a fee. Interested persons should make arrangements as soon as possible by visiting the Capitol Connection Web site at <http://www.capitolconnection.gmu.edu> and clicking on "FERC." If you have any questions contact David Reininger or Julia Morelli at the Capitol Connection (703–993–3100).

For more information about the conference, please contact Jignasa

Gadani at 202–502–8608, jignasa.gadani@ferc.gov.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER05–428–000]

New York Independent System Operator, Inc.; Notice of Staff Technical Conference

March 10, 2005.

Take notice that a staff technical conference will be held on Monday, March 21, 2005, at 10 a.m. (e.s.t.) and, if necessary, on Tuesday, March 22, 2005, at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, in a room to be designated.

As explained in the Commission's order directing staff to convene a technical conference,¹ the purpose of the conference will be to address specific issues relating to the appropriateness of the specific parameters to be used by the New York Independent System Operator, Inc. (NYISO) in calculating the Installed Capacity (ICAP) Demand Curves for Capability Years 2005/2006, 2006/2007, and 2007/2008. Thus, staff is particularly interested in understanding how different assumptions for these issues will affect the Annual Reference Value, and potential interdependencies between different assumptions. Staff is looking for specific and factual recommendations on the parameters that should be used and why they are appropriate.

Staff has identified the following specific issues:

1. Load Shapes

- Does the 2002 load shape used in the Levitan analysis represent normal weather? If not, what load shape does represent normal weather?

2. Modeling Assumptions

- Is it necessary to reflect recent new capacity additions in NYCA in the modeling of future net revenues?

3. Accuracy/Appropriateness of Peaking Unit Characteristics

- Are the operating characteristics of the assumed peaking units (the 7FA and

LM6000) used by Levitan reasonable? If not, what are reasonable operating characteristics?

- Is the ability of these units to participate in ancillary services and day-ahead markets, particularly given their environmental permits, important in determining the parameters of the demand curve?

4. Peaking Unit Costs

- Are the capital cost assumptions and financing periods used in the Levitan analysis reasonable? If not, what assumptions are reasonable?

5. Scarcity Component

- Should the NYISO have included an adjustment for the scarcity component in their derivation of the Annual Reference Value, and if so, what adjustment is reasonable?

- What were the assumptions used to develop the scarcity component?
- Are the assumptions consistent with the Levitan analysis?

6. Local Siting Costs and Constraints

- Should local costs and constraints be included in development of costs for a representative peaking unit?

- Are Keyspan-Ravenswood's points concerning local siting issues, such as fixed gas transportation costs and local property taxes, correct?

7. Impact on Demand Curve Parameters

- How do you reflect potential interdependencies between different assumptions?

8. Should the Zero Crossing Point be changed? If so, what should be the Zero Crossing Point, and why?

9. Is it reasonable to include an adjustment reflecting winter and summer capacity levels in the Annual Reference Value for NYCA Demand Curve? Is it reasonable to not include a similar adjustment for the New York City Demand Curve?

Those persons interested in speaking at the conference should send a short e-mail to David.Kathan@FERC.gov listing their name, title, affiliation, address, and a short (one paragraph preferred) description of the topic(s) they wish to discuss. Staff will prepare an agenda for the conference based on the responses received. Staff will determine the identity and times allotted for speakers. We encourage parties sharing the same position on an issue(s) to coordinate their efforts and designate the fewest number of speakers possible to present their positions.

The conference will be transcribed. Transcripts of the conference will be immediately available from Ace

¹ New York Independent System Operator, Inc., 110 FERC ¶ 61,201 (2005).