

The commenter did not provide any data on how many or what fraction of these alarms are triggered by the wastes from these patients. With regard to the environmental pathways of radioiodine, ICRP Publication 94 states that "regarding the release of patients from the hospital, the radioiodine is in the patient where it decays or is excreted primarily in urine, and finds its way into the environment." According to the report, the impact of the released I-131 on the environment should be minimal, considering that I-131 has a relatively short half life of 8 days. The time it takes for the excreta of patients to be processed and returned to the ecosystem is relatively long. In addition, the impact of I-131 on the environment from this pathway is usually independent of whether the patient is hospitalized after treatment or released to go home.

Conclusion

The decision to deny the petition is consistent with NRC's Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2008–2013. NRC's strategic safety goal to "ensure adequate protection of public health and safety and the environment" would continue to be maintained because NRC believes that the current rule is adequate to protect public health and safety from the release of these patients. The decision is also consistent with the Strategic Plan's focus on Organization Excellence. Specifically, the openness objective was accomplished by soliciting and considering public comments on the petition. It is expected that denying this petition will continue to maintain the NRC's effectiveness objective because reverting to the 1997 release criteria as requested by the petitioner would place a significant regulatory burden on licensees with no commensurate benefit to public health and safety.

In conclusion, NRC finds that the arguments presented in PRM-35-18 do not support a rulemaking to revoke the patient release criteria in 10 CFR 35.75. Reverting to the 1997 patient release criteria would impose unnecessary regulatory burden and is not warranted for the protection of public health and safety. To address the petitioner's concern for exposure to children and infants, NRC has prepared a RIS and additional guidance which will be issued to all NRC medical use licensees, and to the Agreement States, concurrent to the resolution of this petition.

For the reasons cited in this document, the NRC denies this petition for rulemaking.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 7th day of May 2008.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

R.W. Borchardt,

Executive Director for Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

18 CFR Part 35

[Docket No. AD08-8-000]

Demand Response in Organized Electric Markets

May 13, 2008.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Supplemental Notice of Technical Conference.

SUMMARY: The Commission is providing an agenda for the technical conference to be held in this proceeding on May 21, 2008, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (EST), and detailed information regarding attendance, internet access, and transcripts. This conference will provide a forum to consider issues related to demand response in organized electric markets, as discussed in the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking which was issued on March 8, 2008 in Commission Docket Nos. RM07-19-000 and AD07-7-000.

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On April 10, 2008, the Commission issued a Notice (April 10 Notice) scheduling a staff technical conference in the above-captioned proceeding. As stated in the April 10 Notice, the conference will provide a forum to consider issues related to demand response in organized electric markets, as discussed in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking issued in Docket Nos. RM07-19-000 and AD07-7-000. *Wholesale Competition in Regions with Organized Electric Markets*, 73 FR 12,576 (Mar. 7, 2008), FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 32,682 at P 95 (2008) (Competition NOPR). The technical

conference will be held on May 21, 2008, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (EST), in the Commission Meeting Room at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The conference will be open for the public to attend and advance registration is not required. Members of the Commission may attend the conference.

The agenda for this conference is attached. If any changes occur, the revised agenda will be posted on the calendar page for this event on the Commission's Web site, <http://www.ferc.gov>, prior to the event.

A free webcast of this event is available through <http://www.ferc.gov>. Anyone with internet access who desires to view this event can do so by navigating to the Calendar of Events at <http://www.ferc.gov> and locating this event in the Calendar. The event will contain a link to its webcast. The Capitol Connection provides technical support for the free webcasts. It also offers access to this event via television in the Washington, DC area and via phone-bridge for a fee. If you have any questions, visit <http://www.CapitolConnection.org> or contact Danelle Perkowski or David Reininger at (703) 993-3100.

Transcripts of the conference will be available immediately for a fee from Ace Reporting Company (202-347-3700 or 1-800-336-6646). They will be available for free on the Commission's eLibrary system and on the Calendar of Events approximately one week after the conference.

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 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.

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Demand Response in Organized Electric Markets Technical Conference

May 21, 2008

Agenda

9 a.m. Welcoming Remarks

9:20 Presentation by the Honorable
Marsha Smith

Commissioner, Idaho Public Utilities
Commission and President,
National Association of Regulatory
Utility Commissioners (NARUC), on
behalf of NARUC.

9:45 Panel 1—Value of and
Appropriate Compensation for
Demand Response in Organized
Electric Markets

This panel explores the value of
demand response in organized
electric markets and appropriate
compensation for demand response
under currently approved tariffs. In
particular, this panel addresses the
issue of ensuring that demand
response resources are
appropriately compensated in a
manner that is comparable to other
resources. The panel will examine
whether demand response
resources are appropriately valued
for the benefit that they bring.

- Eric Woychik, Vice President,
Regulatory Affairs, Comverge, Inc.
- Daniel Violette, Principal, Summit
Blue Consulting.
- James Eber, Director—Demand
Response and Dynamic Pricing,
Commonwealth Edison Company.
- Lawrence Stalica, Vice President,
Linde Energy Services, Inc.
- David Brewster, President,
EnerNOC, Inc.
- Robert Borlick, Energy Consultant,
Borlick Associates.
- David LaPlante, Vice President,
Wholesale Markets Strategy, ISO
New England Inc.
- Paul Peterson, Senior Associate,
Synapse Energy Economics, Inc.

11:45 Lunch

1:15 Panel 2—Demand Response in
Organized Markets—Barriers to
Comparable Treatment and
Solutions to Eliminate Potential
Barriers: ISO New England, NYISO
and PJM

This session addresses barriers to
comparable treatment for demand
response in the organized markets
in ISO New England Inc., New York
Independent System Operator, Inc.
(NYISO) and PJM Interconnection,
L.L.C. (PJM) and explores specific

solutions for dealing with these
barriers. Panelists are encouraged to
address barriers to comparable
treatment for demand response
beyond those already identified in
the Competition NOPR.

- The Honorable Anne George,
Commissioner, Connecticut
Department of Public Utility
Control; Chair, NARUC Committee
on Electricity and Co-Chair of
NARUC-FERC Demand Response
Collaborative.
- Andrew Ott, Senior Vice
President—Markets, PJM
Interconnection, L.L.C.
- Henry Yoshimura, Manager,
Demand Response, ISO New
England Inc.
- Paul Tyno, Executive Vice
President of Program Development,
Energy Curtailment Specialists, Inc.
- Edward Tatum, Jr., Vice President,
RTO & Regulatory Affairs, Old
Dominion Electric Cooperative.
- Timothy Roughan, Director of
Distributed Resources, National
Grid USA.
- Sandra Levine, Senior Attorney,
Conservation Law Foundation.

2:45 Break

3 p.m. Panel 3—Demand Response in
Organized Markets—Barriers to
Comparable Treatment and
Solutions to Eliminate Potential
Barriers: CAISO, Midwest ISO, and
SPP

This session addresses barriers to
comparable treatment for demand
response in the organized markets
in California Independent System
Operator Corporation (CAISO),
Midwest Independent Transmission
System Operator, Inc. (Midwest
ISO), and Southwest Power Pool,
Inc. (SPP) and explores specific
solutions for dealing with these
barriers. Panelists are encouraged to
address barriers to comparable
treatment for demand response
beyond those already identified in
the Competition NOPR.

- Dennis Derricks, Director, Electric
Regulatory Policy, Integrys Energy
Group Inc.
- DeWayne Todd, Power Manager,
Alcoa.
- Michael Robinson, Senior Manager
of Market Design, Midwest
Independent Transmission System
Operator, Inc.
- Jason Salmi Klotz, Senior Analyst,
Energy Division, California Public
Utilities Commission.
- Joyce Reives, Director, DPL Energy
Resources Inc.
- H. Walter Johnson, Principal,
Technology Strategies, California
Independent System Operator

Corporation.

- J. Craig Baker, Senior Vice
President, Regulatory Services,
American Electric Power.

4:30 Concluding Remarks

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

18 CFR Part 385

[Docket No. RM08-8-000]

Ex Parte Contacts and Separation of Functions

Issued May 15, 2008.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Commission is proposing
to revise its regulations to clarify its
rules governing ex parte contacts and
separation of functions as they apply to
proceedings arising out of investigations
initiated under Part 1b of the
Commission's regulations. This
proposal is intended to provide clearer
guidance to both Commission litigation
staff and persons outside the
Commission in determining whether
they may properly contact decisional
employees once the Commission has
established further proceedings on
matters that had been investigated
under Part 1b. The Commission also is
proposing to clarify its regulations
governing intervention to specify that
intervention is not permitted as a matter
of right in proceedings arising from Part
1b investigations.

DATES: Comments are due July 21, 2008.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments,
identified by docket number by any of
the following methods:

- *Agency Web Site:* <http://ferc.gov>.

Documents created electronically using
word processing software should be
filed in native applications or print-to-
PDF format and not in a scanned format.

- *Mail/Hand Delivery:* Commenters
unable to file comments electronically
must mail or hand deliver an original
and 14 copies of their comments to:
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission,
Secretary of the Commission, 888 First
Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Instructions: For detailed instructions
on submitting comments and additional
information on the rulemaking process,
see the Comment Procedures Section of
this document.

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