

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

NOTICE OF FINAL AGENDA

Western Energy Infrastructure Conference
Docket No. AD03-10-000

(July 24, 2003)

As announced in the Notices of Conference and Agenda issued on June 2 and June 26, 2003, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) will hold a conference on July 30, 2003 to discuss issues regarding energy infrastructure in the western states. These states include Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Idaho, Utah, Arizona, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, and New Mexico. This half-day conference will begin at 2:00 p.m. and conclude at approximately 6:00 p.m., and will be held at the Marriott Denver City Center, 1701 California Street, Denver, Colorado (1-800-228-9290). All interested persons are invited to attend.

The conference **final** 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 licenses or natural gas certificates. Therefore, all participants are requested to address the agenda topics and avoid discussing the merits of individual proceedings.

A reminder to please register for the conference online on the Commission web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/home/conferences.asp>. Scroll down and click on "Western Energy Infrastructure Conference in Denver, CO". There is no registration fee.

Questions about the conference program should be directed to:

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Conference Agenda

Marriott Denver City Center
1701 California Street
Denver, Colorado
July 30, 2003

- I. Opening Remarks and Introductions 2:00 p.m. to 2:10 p.m.

Chairman Pat Wood, Commissioner William Massey, Commissioner Nora Brownell

- II. Overview of Current Energy Infrastructure 2:10 p.m. to 2:20 p.m.

• Jeff Wright, Office of Energy Projects, FERC

- III. Forecasting Future Energy Infrastructure Needs 2:20 p.m. to 2:40 p.m.

• Todd Filsinger, Senior Partner, Wholesale Energy Markets, PA Consulting Group

- IV. New Electric Generation 2:45 p.m. to 3:25 p.m.

Can new electric generation meet Western demand?

- Economic and financial barriers to new generation - **Rebecca Followill**, Gas and Power Group, Howard Weil Investment Counselors
- Fueling new generation - **Peter Moritzburke**, Director, Western Energy Office, Cambridge Energy Research Associates
- Retirement forecast / reserve margin - **Jeremy Platt**, Manager, Power & Fuel Markets, Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI), one author of a recently released EPRI report, "Outlook for Capacity Retirements Following U.S. Boom in New Supplies: Report Series on Natural Gas and Power Reliability, February 2003"
- Demand response successes - **Charles Goldman**, Leader, Electricity Markets and Policy Group, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

V. **Natural Gas**

3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Can natural gas meet future energy needs in the West?

- Traditional natural gas supply availability - **Roger Biemans**, President, EnCana US
- Rocky Mountains infrastructure needs / Coal-bed methane developing technology - **Brian Jeffries**, Vice President, Marketing, Western Gas Resources
- Environmental impacts of developing coal-bed methane technology and gas availability in the West - **Brad Bartlett**, Lands Counsel, Land and Water Fund of the Rockies
- Role of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) facilities in gas supply - **Darcel Hulse**, President, Sempra Global

- Canadian gas update - **Bill Bingham**, Acting Business Leader, Commodity Unit, National Energy Board-Canada / NEB

- Mexican gas update - **Francisco de la Isla**, General Director, Economic Policy Unit, Comision Reguladora de Energia / CRE

- Interstate pipeline deliverability issues - **Kirk Morgan**, Vice President, Marketing and Regulatory Affairs, Kern River Gas Transmission Company

VI. **Electric Transmission** **4:35 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.**

Can the electric transmission system get generation to load centers?

- Siting issues in the West ,e.g., federal land corridors - **Ronald Montagna**, Senior Realty Specialist, Bureau of Land Management / White House Energy Task Force

- Major transmission constraints - **Armando Perez**, Director of Grid Planning, California Independent System Operator

- Bonneville Power Administration's role and future plans - **Vickie VanZandt**, Vice President of Operation and Planning, Bonneville Power Administration

- State of regional transmission planning - **Dean Perry**, Chairman of the Planning Work Group, Seams Steering Group-Western Interconnection/SSG-WI

- Industry participation in new transmission infrastructure - **Frederic Stoffel**, Vice President, Policy Development, XCEL Energy

VII. **Discussion by State, Federal, Tribal and International Officials** **5:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

What conclusions have been reached and what are the next steps?

- Public Utility Commissioners - **Greg Sopkin**, Chairman, Colorado Public Utilities Commission, **Polly Page**, Commissioner, Colorado Public Utilities Commission, **Marsha Smith**, Commissioner, Idaho Public Utilities Commission, **Roy Hemmingway**, Chairman, Oregon Public Utility Commission, **Lee Beyer**, Commissioner, Oregon Public Utility Commission, **Richard Hemstad**, Commissioner, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, **Steve Ellenbecker**, Chairman, Wyoming Public Service Commission, **Steve Furtney**, Deputy Chair, Wyoming Public Service Commission, **Bob Rowe**, Chairman, Montana Public Service Commission

*(all state commissioners are invited to participate)

- Tribal Representatives - **A. David Lester**, Executive Director, Council of Energy Resource Tribes (CERT), and **Roger B. Fragua**, Deputy Director, CERT

- Elected Officials or their Senior Designees - **Steve Waddington**, Energy Policy Advisor to **Wyoming Governor David D. Freudenthal** and **Dan Skopec**, Staff Director, Government Reform Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs, **Chairman Doug Ose (CA)**, U.S. Congress
*(Congressional lawmakers or their senior designees invited)

- Canada and Mexico Delegates - **Bill Bingham**, Acting Business Leader, Commodity Unit, NEB-Canada, and **Francisco de la Isla**, General Director, Economic Policy Unit, CRE-Mexico

_ Closing Remarks _