

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

City of Vernon, California

Docket No. EL02-103-000

ORDER OF CHIEF JUDGE SCHEDULING SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE
AND APPOINTING SETTLEMENT JUDGE

(Issued October 18, 2002)

1. The Commission by order issued on October 11, 2002, 101 FERC ¶ 61,051, directed the Chief Judge to appoint a Settlement Judge to assist the parties in arriving at a settlement of the issues in this case. The Commission gave the parties the opportunity to request the Chief Judge to appoint a specific judge mutually agreed by all parties. The parties unanimously requested that Judge Benkin be appointed the settlement judge in this proceeding.
2. Accordingly, the Chief Judge hereby appoints Judge Isaac D. Benkin as the settlement judge in this case to convene a settlement conference, to explore the possibility of settlement, to discuss the differences between the parties, and in general to conduct the settlement negotiations. Participants are directed to have persons present at the settlement negotiations with authority to negotiate and accept or approve settlement terms.
3. A settlement conference with Judge Benkin is scheduled to convene in a hearing room of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC, at 10:00 a.m., on October 25, 2002.

Curtis L. Wagner Jr.
Chief Administrative Law Judge