

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Joint Boards on Security
Constrained Economic Dispatch

Docket No. AD05-13-000

NOTICE ANNOUNCING THE AGENDA FOR
FOR THE SOUTH JOINT BOARD MEETING

(November 9, 2005)

On September 30, 2005, the Commission announced its intention to hold initial joint board meetings.¹ These joint board meetings are being held pursuant to section 1298 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005,² which added section 223 to the Federal Power Act (FPA).³ FPA section 223 requires the Commission to convene joint boards on a regional basis pursuant to FPA section 209 “to study the issue of security constrained economic dispatch for the various market regions,” “to consider issues relevant to what constitutes ‘security constrained economic dispatch’ and how such a mode of operating . . . affects or enhances the reliability and affordability of service,” and “to make recommendations to the Commission.” Subsequently, three notices were issued providing details on the joint boards and the joint board meetings.⁴

This notice provides the agenda for the initial joint board meeting for the South region scheduled for Sunday, November 13, 2005 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. (Pacific Time) in the Valencia Conference Rooms 5 and 6 at Renaissance Esmeralda Resort and Spa, 44-400 Indian Wells Lane, Indian Wells, California 92210-9971. Attire for the meeting is business casual.

¹ *Joint Boards on Security Constrained Economic Dispatch*, 112 FERC ¶ 61,353 (2005) (September 30 Order).

² Pub. L. No. 109-58, § 1298, 119 Stat. 594, 986 (2005).

³ 16 U.S.C. §§ 824 *et seq.* (2000).

⁴ The three notices were issued on October 14, 21 and 27, 2005, in accordance with the September 30 Order. The first notice announced the locations and other details for the joint board meetings. The second notice provided a list of the members of each joint board. A third notice provided hotel information for the joint board meetings for the PJM/MISO and Northeast regions and noted that the Province of Manitoba was participating as an observer in the PJM/MISO joint board.

Attachment A of this notice contains the agenda for the South joint board meeting. Attachment B lays out a list of objectives/issues that the joint board will discuss to prepare the report due to Congress.

At the meeting, microphones will be made available to allow members of the audience to participate during a portion of the joint board's discussion as noted on the agenda. Electronic copies of presentation materials will be made available on the Commission website www.ferc.gov as they are received.

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

Transcripts of the meeting 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 eLibrary system seven calendar days after FERC receives the transcript.

Comments related to the meeting may be filed in the captioned docket no later than December 5, 2005. The comments will be publicly available for review in the Commission's e-Library.

For more information about the meeting, please contact Sarah McKinley at 202-502-8004 or sarah.mckinley@ferc.gov.

Magalie R. Salas
Secretary

Attachment A**AGENDA FOR THE SOUTH JOINT BOARD MEETING
November 13, 2005**

Note: questions from, and discussion among, board members appropriate after all presentations.

- Opening remarks (1:00-1:05 p.m.)
 - FERC Chairman Joseph Kelliher, Chair of South Joint Board
- Remarks (1:05-1:10 p.m.)
 - Mississippi PSC Commissioner Michael Callahan, Vice Chair of South Joint Board
- Presentation by FERC staff (1:10-1:40 p.m.)
 - Economic dispatch: concepts, practices and issues
- Presentation: U.S. Department of Energy (1:40-2:10 p.m.)
 - Regarding report on economic dispatch required by section 1234 of the Energy Policy Act
- Stakeholder panel (2:10-3:40 p.m.)
 - Current application of economic dispatch in region
 - Who performs the dispatch?
 - How is the dispatch determined?
 - What is the geographic scope of the dispatch?
 - Are there resources not included in the dispatch? Would including them improve the dispatch?
 - Are there resources that present challenges in incorporating them into the dispatch (e.g., hydro resources)?
 - How do transmission congestion and the dispatch affect each other? How would improvements in one affect the other?
 - How are individual dispatches in the region coordinated?
 - How is the dispatch communicated to affected generation operators?
 - Are there technical/infrastructure impediments that interfere with implementing the economic dispatch?
 - Possible improvements to current economic dispatch practices
 - What are the potential benefits and costs of those improvements?
 - Are there institutional, regulatory, or statutory impediments to the

identified improvements?

- Additional topic for ERCOT:
 - What are the benefits and costs of the way ERCOT dispatches now compared to the way dispatch was done prior to the ERCOT-wide dispatch?
- Additional topic for SPP:
 - Describe the way SPP's imbalance proposal would change the dispatch in SPP.
 - What are the benefits and costs of SPP's imbalance proposal compared to the way dispatch is performed now?

Panelists:

- Scott Henry, Vice President of Energy Policy, Duke Power
 - John Hurstell, Vice President of Energy Management, Entergy Corporation
 - Robert Priest, General Manager, Clarksdale Public Utilities
 - David Beam, Senior Vice President of Power Supply, North Carolina Electric Membership Cooperative
 - Sam Henry, President and Chief Executive Officer, SUEZ Energy Marketing North America
 - Robert O'Connell, Manager, Regulatory Affairs, Williams Power
 - Carl Monroe, Senior Vice President, Operations and Chief Operating Officer, Southwest Power Pool
 - Kent Saathoff, Director of System Operations, ERCOT
 - Industrial customer, TBD
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- Break (3:40-3:55 p.m.)
 - Board members' discussion (3:55-4:50 p.m.)
 - Issues and objectives to be addressed in joint board report (see Attachment B of this notice).
- [“Open microphones” for audience participation]
- Closing remarks by Chairman Kelliher and Commissioner Callahan (4:50-5:00 p.m.)

Attachment B**POSSIBLE OBJECTIVES AND ISSUES FOR THE JOINT BOARD REPORT**

Economic dispatch: “The operation of generation facilities to produce energy at the lowest cost to reliably serve consumers, recognizing any operational limits of generation and transmission facilities.” Energy Policy Act of 2005, section 1234(b).

- Describe current application of economic dispatch in region
 - Scope
 - Geographic
 - Resources included in the economic dispatch
 - Implementation/practices
 - Who performs the economic dispatch?
 - What tools/software is used?
 - How are individual economic dispatches in the region coordinated?
 - How is economic dispatch communicated to affected generation operators?
 - Are there technical/infrastructure impediments to implementing economic dispatch?
- Consider improvements to current economic dispatch practices
 - What improvements could be considered?
 - What are the potential benefits and costs of those improvements?
 - How would those improvements affect reliability?
 - Are there institutional, regulatory, or statutory impediments to the identified improvements?
- Recommendations to FERC and Congress