

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  
THE NORTHEAST JOINT BOARD MEETING

(November 18, 2005)

On September 30, 2005, the Commission announced its intention to hold initial joint board meetings.<sup>1</sup> These joint board meetings are being held pursuant to section 1298 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005,<sup>2</sup> which added section 223 to the Federal Power Act (FPA).<sup>3</sup> 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, several notices were issued providing details on the joint boards and the joint board meetings.<sup>4</sup>

This notice provides the agenda for the initial joint board meeting for the Northeast region scheduled for Tuesday, November 29, 2005 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern Time) at the Colonnade, 120 Huntington Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02116.

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

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

<sup>3</sup> 16 U.S.C. §§ 824 *et seq.* (2000).

<sup>4</sup> Three notices were issued on October 14, 21 and 27, 2005, in accordance with the September 30 Order. The first notice announced the location 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. Subsequent notices announcing the agenda for the West and South joint board meetings were issued on November 9, 2005 and for the PJM/MISO board meeting on November 16, 2005.

Attachment A of this notice contains the agenda for the joint board meeting.

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Transcripts of the meeting will be immediately available 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 seven calendar days after FERC receives the transcript.

Comments related to the meeting may be filed in the captioned docket no later than December 21, 2005. The comments will be publicly available for review on the Commission's e-Library.

For more information about the meeting, please contact Sarah McKinley at 202-502-8004 or [sarah.mckinley@ferc.gov](mailto:sarah.mckinley@ferc.gov).

Magalie R. Salas  
Secretary

Attachment A

**AGENDA FOR THE NORTHEAST JOINT BOARD MEETING**

**FERC Commissioner Nora Mead Brownell, Chair  
Massachusetts DTE Chairman Paul Afonso, Vice Chair  
New York PSC Chairman Bill Flynn, Vice Chair  
November 29, 2005**

- Opening Remarks by chair and vice chairs
- Presentation: FERC staff
  - Economic dispatch: concepts, practices, and issues
- Presentation: U.S. Department of Energy
  - Regarding report on economic dispatch required by section 1234 of the Energy Policy Act [pending issuance of the report]
- Panel: Regional Transmission Organizations
  - To address:
    - What are the benefits and costs of SCED, compared to the previous system used for dispatch, or to other potential alternatives? What specific benefits has SCED offered? Can you quantify these benefits, and, if so, please do so.
    - What lessons did you learn in implementing SCED? In particular, were there unanticipated benefits or costs that should be kept in mind when considering changes or improvements to the current SCED?
    - How does the operation of SCED relate to the operation of the regional market? How would a market operate in your region without SCED?
    - What effect has SCED had on the reliability of the electric system in your region? Can you quantify the effect, and, if so, please do so.
    - What effect has SCED had on the cost of electric energy in your region, after adjusting for input costs such as fuel? Can you quantify the effect, and, if so, please do so.
    - How can an RTO's/ISO's SCED resources be more optimally dispatched?
  - Panelists:
    - Mark Lynch, President and CEO, New York Independent System Operator
    - Gordon van Welie, President and CEO, ISO New England
  - Question and answer session

- Lunch
- Panel: Stakeholders
  - To address:
    - Current application of economic dispatch in region (what quantitative and qualitative benefits have been realized, what lessons have been learned, what noteworthy improvements have been made)
    - Possible improvements to current economic dispatch practices (what weaknesses currently exist that should be a high priority for improving, what improvements have been requested that the RTOs/ISOs have not addressed, if you could start from scratch, how should economic dispatch be facilitated in your region)
    - How does economic dispatch affect the markets – spot, day-ahead, bilaterals?
    - Further consolidation of economic dispatch by integrating the two New York and New England dispatch systems into one system?
  - Panelists:
    - Daniel W. Allegretti, Vice President - Regulatory and Legislative Affairs, Constellation
    - Richard Bolbrock, Vice President – Power Markets, Long Island Power Authority
    - Kevin Burke, President and Chief Executive Officer, ConEdison
    - Michael Calviou, Vice President - Transmission Commercial and Regulatory, National Grid
    - Steve Corneli, Vice President – Regulatory and Governmental Affairs, NRG Energy
    - Doug Horan, Senior Vice President - Strategy, Law and Policy, NStar
    - Edward N. Krapels, Director, ESAI Gas and Power Services (on behalf of Neptune LLC)
    - Robert M. Loughney, Couch, White, Brenner, Howard & Feigenbaum
    - Tom Rudesbusch, Duncan, Weinberg, Genzer and Pembroke PC (on behalf of the New York Association of Public Power)
    - Donald Sipe, Preti Flaherty Beliveau Pachios & Haley LLC (representing the Industrial Energy Consumer Group)
  - Question and answer session
- Break

- Board members' discussion
  - Issues and objectives to be addressed in joint board report
  
- Closing remarks -- chair and vice chairs