

# FERC TECHNICAL CONFERENCE

## Queuing of Generator Interconnection Requests January 21, 2003

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# The Queue is broken

- Long backlog in the queue
- Market is asking for wind
- Willing buyers and sellers ready to go – short project timelines – can come on-line quickly
- Incremental approach (project by project) is a barrier

# Queue solution must:

- **Provide for a transparent, dynamic, timely process**
  - Delay in current Q process a market barrier
- **Include specific practices and principles for Q management**
  - allow for regional differences in implementation (MISO split into sub-regions for cluster studies)
- **Not include Q position as a property right**
- **Provide direction on areas where issues exist**
  - WAPA, Crescent Moon, etc. – Q's and timing of studies do not match with MISO Q (seams issue)
- **Consider other transmission products**
  - Semi-firm or "curtailable firm" transmission product could have a positive impact on Q

# Changes to Queue policy & practice

- **Framework and specifics** important to give RTO direction
- **Cluster study** approach – NYISO process
- Transmission planning process must **accurately reflect projects** moving forward
  - MISO base case for MTEP only includes projects with a signed IA
- Study assumptions must **anticipate SMD** rather than use traditional methodology
- Study methodology must take into account **advancements in wind development**
  - Latest generator models, capacity credit, penetration levels, wind forecasting, “curtailable firm” transmission product