



Transmission Business Line (TBL)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS FERC ORDER 2003: LARGE GENERATOR INTERCONNECTION

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On Dec. 11, 2003, the BPA's Transmission Business Line will host a public meeting to discuss FERC Order 2003. This order sets forth large generator interconnection procedures and a standardized large generator interconnection agreement. TBL intends to make a compliance filing with FERC, but is considering whether to request any deviations from the final interconnection procedures and interconnection agreement.

TBL invites customers and interested parties to share their issues and perspectives for TBL to consider before making a filing with FERC.

Meeting Details:

When: Thursday, Dec. 11, 2003
Time: 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. PST
Where: Parkway Plaza
8100 N.E. Parkway Dr.
Room 40
Vancouver, Wash.

Additional details including teleconferencing and agenda will be provided at a later date.

BACKGROUND:

In October 2001, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission initiated an advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANOPR) proposing standards and procedures applicable to transmission providers when responding to interconnection requests from proposed new generators. Approximately six months later, in April 2002, FERC commenced the formal rulemaking process by issuing a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR) on Standardizing Generator Interconnection Agreements and Procedures. More than 170 entities filed comments on the ANOPR and NOPR including BPA and a significant number of Northwest utilities and interested parties.

In July 2003, FERC issued Order No. 2003, Standardization of Generator Interconnection Agreements and Procedures, with an effective date of Oct. 20, 2003. As a result of numerous requests for clarification and rehearing, FERC subsequently extended the effective date by 90 days to Jan. 20, 2004. FERC directed all jurisdictional utilities to file a revised Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT) by the effective date, incorporating the standard generator interconnection procedures and standard agreement contained in Order 2003. It also provided that any non-jurisdictional utility seeking voluntary compliance with the reciprocity condition of



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an OATT may continue to satisfy this condition by adopting these procedures and this agreement.

Consistent with BPA's policy of voluntary compliance with the reciprocity condition of an open access tariff, BPA intends to make a voluntary compliance filing for the purpose of incorporating the standard generator interconnection procedures and standard agreement contained in Order 2003 into BPA's OATT.

LINKS:

FERC fact sheet for the interconnection ruling:

<http://www.ferc.gov/industries/electric/indus-act/gi/stnd-gen/LG-Fact-Sheets.pdf>

FERC web site for large generator interconnection ruling (includes Order 2003):

<http://www.ferc.gov/industries/electric/indus-act/gi/stnd-gen.asp>

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