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The Commission is interested in soliciting questions and or comments regarding the EQR Submission and Dissemination Systems in advance of, as well as during, the workshop. Please e-mail any questions or comments that you would like to have considered and discussed at the workshop to eqrworkshop@ferc.gov.

In addition, interested parties may file comments under the above-captioned Docket Numbers by April 28, 2003. Filings will be available for review at the Commission or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the Federal Energy Regulatory Record Information System (FERRIS) data base. To access the filings, enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits, in the docket number field. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

For additional information, please contact Barbara Bourque of FERC's Office of Market Oversight & Investigations at (202) 502-8338 or by e-mail, barbara.bourque@ferc.gov.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

Electric Quarterly Reports Workshop Agenda

Friday, April 11, 2003

- I. Welcome to Participants
 - A. Live and Web participants (Live sign-in)
 - B. User's Group formation
- II. FERC Issues with Data
 - A. Revised 4th Quarter 2002 submissions due April 11, 2003
 1. Truncated currency totals
 2. DUNS numbers
 3. Product Name—Bookouts
 - B. Product Names list expansion?
 - C. Participant comments and questions
- III. Submission System Changes/ Updates
 - A. Demonstration
 1. Error detection
 2. Reports/printing capabilities
 - B. Participant comments and questions

IV. Dissemination System Changes/ Updates

- A. Submission System download
- B. Spreadsheet download—demo
- C. Database download
- D. Queries—demo
- E. Participant comments and questions

V. Compliance

- A. Review of submissions
- B. Letters to companies in non-compliance status with Order 2001
- C. Participant comments and questions

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD03-7-000]

Natural Gas Price Formation; Notice of Agenda for the April 24, 2003, Staff Technical Conference

April 4, 2003.

As announced on March 14, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) will hold a technical conference on Thursday, April 24, 2003, to be held at FERC headquarters, 888 First Street, NW., Washington, DC, in the Commission Meeting Room (Room 2C). The purpose is to discuss issues related to the adequacy of natural gas price information. Issues of concern: Include ways to fix deficiencies in the manner price data are currently collected; how to increase reliability; and what alternative models might produce reliable natural gas price discovery.

We plan to hear from those who currently report transactions, receive and publish price information, use the published data reports, and those with constructive suggestions for overcoming impediments and inconsistencies. Parties with specific alternative models for achieving the goals are invited. We request that anyone with a specific proposal file it in this docket number for all to access. (Instructions on filing electronically can be found at <http://www.ferc.gov/documents/makeanelectronicfiling/doorbell.htm>.) The one-day meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude about 5 p.m. All interested parties are invited to attend. There is neither pre-registration nor a registration fee to attend. Attached is the Agenda for the day.

As mentioned in the March 14th notice, the Capitol Connection will broadcast this conference. Capitol Connection offers coverage of all open and special Commission meetings held

at the Commission's headquarters live over the Internet, as well as via telephone and satellite. For a fee, you can receive these meetings in your office, at home, or anywhere in the world. To find out more about Capitol Connection's live Internet, phone bridge, or satellite coverage, contact David Reininger or Julia Morelli at (703) 993-3100, or visit www.capitolconnection.org. Capitol Connection also offers FERC open meetings through its Washington, DC-area television service.

The conference will be transcribed. Those interested in obtaining transcripts of the conference should contact Ace Federal Reporters at (202) 347-3700 or (800) 336 6646. Transcripts will be made available to view electronically under this docket number seven working days after the conference. Anyone interested in purchasing videotapes of the meeting should call VISCOM at (703) 715-7999.

For additional information, please contact Saida Shaalan of the Office of Market Oversight & Investigations at 202-502-8278 or by e-mail, Saida.Shaalan@ferc.gov.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

Conference Agenda

Natural Gas Price Formation; Agenda for the Staff Technical Conference on April 24, 2003

[Docket No. AD03-7-000]

- William Hederman, Director, Office of Market Oversight & Investigations—Welcoming remarks 8:30—8:45 a.m.

- Stephen Harvey, Deputy Director, Market Oversight & Assessment.

How do we arrive at good, reliable natural gas prices?

What are the different models for natural gas price reporting?

What should be the minimum standards for price information collected for use by the Commission in tariffs and orders?

- Panel 1—Private Sector Price Reporting Systems 8:45—10:45 a.m.

—Larry Foster, Platt's News Service

—Ellen Beswick or Mark Curran, Intelligence Press

—Andrew Ware, Energy Intelligence Group

—Michael Smith, Executive Director, Committee of Chief Risk Officers (CCRO)

—Chuck Vice, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, IntercontinentalExchange (ICE)

—Robert Levin, Senior Vice President, NYMEX

—Break 10:45—11 a.m.

- Panel 2—Governmental or Third Party Models 11 a.m.—12 p.m.
 - Craig Pirrong, Bauer College of Business, University of Houston
 - Obie O'Brien, Director of Government & Regulatory Affairs, Apache Corporation
 - Representative from Energy Information Administration
 - Representative from National Association of Securities Dealers
 - Lunch 12—1:30 p.m.
 - Panel 3—Industry Responses to the Morning's Discussion 1:30—3 p.m.
 - Gerald Ballinger, President, Public Energy Authority of Kentucky (representing APGA)
 - Arthur Corbin, President, Coalition for Energy Market Integrity and Transparency (EMIT)(Also, President & General Manager of the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia)
 - Al Musur, Director, Energy and Utility Programs for Abbott Labs (also, Chair of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA))
 - Thomas Skains, Chair of American Gas Association's (AGA) Board Task Force on Gas Price Index Reform (Also President & CEO, Piedmont Natural Gas)
 - Representative from Natural Gas Supply Association
 - Representative from INGAA
 - Break 3—3:15 p.m.
 - Panel 4—Financial Houses' and Other's Responses to the Morning's Discussion 3:15—4:30 p.m.
 - Laurie Ferber, Managing Director, U.S. Power Trading, Goldman Sachs
 - Randall Dodd, Derivatives Study Center
 - Representative from Fitch Ratings
 - Representative from SILCAP, LLC
- Close 4:30 p.m.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7481-5]

Science Advisory Board; Request for Nominations for Experts for a Panel on Multimedia, Multipathway, and Multireceptor Risk Assessment (3MRA) Modeling System

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency Science Advisory Board (SAB) is announcing the formation of a new panel regarding the Multimedia,

Multipathway, and Multireceptor Risk Assessment (3MRA) Modeling System and soliciting nominations for membership on this panel.

DATES: Nominations should be submitted no later than May 2, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be submitted in electronic format through the Form for Nominating Individuals to Panels of the EPA Science Advisory Board provided on the SAB Web site. The form can be found at http://www.epa.gov/sab/sab_panel_form.htm. To be considered, all nominations must include the information required on that form. Anyone who is unable to submit nominations via this form may contact Ms. Kathleen White, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), as indicated below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public wishing further information regarding this Request for Nominations may contact Ms. Kathleen White, (DFO), U.S. EPA Science Advisory Board (1400A), by telephone/voice mail at (202) 564-4559, by fax at (202) 501-0582; or via e-mail at white.kathleen@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. *Summary:* The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Science Advisory Board (SAB) is announcing the formation of a new Panel to review the technical validity of the Multimedia, Multipathway, and Multireceptor Risk Assessment (3MRA) Modeling System for setting national risk-based regulations on the waste program. The SAB is soliciting nominations to establish the members of the new Panel.

This Panel is being formed to provide advice to the Agency, as part of the EPA SAB's mission, established by 42 U.S.C. 4365, to provide independent scientific and technical advice, consultation, and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on the technical bases for EPA decision making. The Board is a chartered Federal Advisory Committee, which reports directly to the Administrator.

2. *Background:* There have been substantial efforts by Federal and State organizations and the private sector to develop risk assessment tools that include the evaluation of contaminants in different media and the integration of exposures across pathways to help establish an integrated risk-based assessment.

In December 1995, EPA's Office of Solid Waste proposed to amend existing regulations for disposal of listed hazardous wastes under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). The December 1995 proposal (60 FR 6634, December 21, 1995) outlined the

Hazardous Waste Identification Rule (HWIR) that was designed to establish constituent-specific exit levels for low risk solid wastes that are currently captured in the RCRA subtitle C hazardous waste system. Under this proposal, waste generators of listed wastes that could meet the new concentration-based criteria defined by the HWIR methodology would no longer be subject to the hazardous waste management system specified under subtitle C of RCRA. This would have established a risk-based "floor" for low risk hazardous wastes that would encourage pollution prevention, waste minimization, and the development of innovative waste treatment technologies.

In May and June of 1995, EPA's Science Advisory Board (SAB) reviewed the proposed HWIR methodology for calculating exit concentrations and in May 1996 published its findings in Review of a Methodology for Establishing Human Health and Ecologically Based Exit Criteria for the Hazardous Waste Identification Rule (HWIR) (EPA-SAB-EC-96-002), available at <http://www.epa.gov/sab/pdf/ec96002.pdf>. In addition to this review, EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD), and numerous industrial and environmental stakeholders, also reviewed the proposed methodology. While the SAB concluded that the methodology "lacks the scientific defensibility for its intended regulatory use," the SAB also made the following recommendations that, when addressed, should provide an adequate scientific basis for establishing a risk-based methodology applicable at the national level for the waste program:

(a) Develop a true multi-pathway risk assessment in which a receptor receives a contaminant from a source via all pathways concurrently, is exposed to the contaminant via different routes, and accounts for the dose corresponding to each route in an integrated way;

(b) Maintain mass balance;

(c) Conduct substantial validation of the methodology and its elements, against actual data derived from either the laboratory or field, prior to implementation of the model;

(d) Conduct a systematic examination of parameters to ensure a consistent and uniform application of the proposed approach, and further, the full suite of uncertainties to be addressed for the final methodology;

(e) Discard the proposed screening procedure for selecting the initial subset of chemicals for ecological analysis and instead require that a minimum data set