

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Technical Conference

	Docket No.
Review of Generator Interconnection Agreements and Procedures	RM16-12-000.
American Wind Energy Association	RM15-21-000.

Take notice that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) will convene a staff-led technical conference in the above-referenced proceedings on Friday, May 13, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (EDT). The conference will be held in the Commission Meeting Room at Commission headquarters, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. Commissioners may attend and participate.

The purpose of this conference is to discuss select issues related to a petition for rulemaking submitted by the American Wind Energy Association (Docket No. RM15-21-000). In addition, the conference will explore other generator interconnection issues, including interconnection of energy storage.¹

Discussions at the conference may involve issues raised in proceedings that are currently pending before the Commission. These proceedings include, but are not limited to:

E.ON Climate & Renewables North America LLC, Pioneer Trail Wind Farm, LLC, Settlers Trail Wind Farm, LLC v. Northern Indiana Public Service Company, Docket No. EL14-66-002;

Entergy Arkansas, Inc., Docket No. ER14-671-000;

Internal MISO Generators v. Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., Docket No. EL15-99-000;

Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., Docket No. ER16-675-000;

California Independent System Operator Corporation, Docket No. ER16-693-000;

ISO New England, Inc., Docket No. ER16-946-000;

Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., Docket No. ER16-1120-000; and

Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., Docket No. ER16-1211-000.

Additional information regarding the conference program will be provided in

subsequent supplemental notices of technical conference.

There is no fee for attendance. In-person attendees should allow time to pass through building security procedures before the 9:30 a.m. start time of the technical conference. Pre-registration is encouraged though not required. Attendees may register in advance at the following Web page: <https://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/05-13-16-form.asp>.

The conference will be transcribed and webcast. Transcripts will be available immediately for a fee from Ace Reporting (202-347-3700). A link to the webcast of this event will be available in the Commission Calendar of Events at www.ferc.gov. The Capitol Connection provides technical support for the webcasts and offers the option of listening to the conferences via phone-bridge for a fee. For additional information, visit www.CapitolConnection.org or call (703) 993-3100.

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For more information about this technical conference, please contact Tony Dobbins at Tony.Dobbins@ferc.gov or (202) 502-6630. For information related to logistics, please contact Sarah McKinley at Sarah.Mckinley@ferc.gov or (202) 502-8368.

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[Project No. 8221-094]

Alaska Energy Authority; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission or FERC's) regulations, 18 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 **Federal Register** [FR] 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed Alaska Energy Authority's application for a non-capacity amendment to the license for the Bradley Lake Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 8221), located on the south shore, and near the head of Kachemak Bay, 22.5 miles east, northeast of the city of Homer, Kenai Peninsula Borough, Alaska. The project currently occupies a total of 5,498 acres of federal lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management.

Staff prepared a draft environmental assessment (DEA), which analyzes the potential environmental effects of constructing and operating a new diversion on the West Fork of Upper Battle Creek that would divert water to Bradley Lake and thereby increase generation at the project. The DEA concludes that authorizing the amendment, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the DEA is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at www.ferc.gov using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, 202-502-8659.

¹ The comments filed in Docket No. RM15-21-000 will be incorporated into Docket No. RM16-12-000.