

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NOTICE OF STAFF WORKSHOP

TO

ALL ELECTRIC UTILITIES

AND

ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

RE: UNDOCKETED - REGIONAL TRANSMISSION ORGANIZATIONS

ISSUED: December 9, 1998

NOTICE is hereby given that the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission will conduct a workshop, in the above-referenced matter, to which all persons are invited, at the following time and place:

10:00 a.m., Thursday, January 7, 1999
Room 171, Betty Easley Conference Center
4075 Esplanade Way
Tallahassee, Florida

PURPOSE

The purpose of this workshop is to gather information to assist the Florida Public Service Commission in commenting on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) Notice of Intent to Consult Under Section 202(a), Docket No. RM99-2-000, Regional Transmission Organizations (RTOs), issued on November 24, 1998. The FERC Notice of Intent to Consult is part of a broader inquiry concerning the FERC's policies on independent system operators and other regional transmission organizations in the electric utility industry. Among the issues to be discussed are:

- (1) "pancaking" of transmission rates;
- (2) the effects of generation and transmission market power on the Florida grid;
- (3) transmission planning and expansion in a fully competitive wholesale market;
- (4) comparability of wholesale customers to transmission owners' retail customers;

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- (5) the criteria and policy considerations that should be used to establish the boundaries for effective RTOs if the FERC decides to do so;
- (6) factors that make it appropriate for the utilities in Florida to belong in a specific region;
- (7) the role of the States in the formation of RTOs; and
- (8) the appropriate role of the States in governance of RTOs.

If you wish to comment but cannot attend the workshop, please file your comments with the Division of Records and Reporting, Gerald L. Gunter Building, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, on or before January 5, 1998, specifically referencing "Undocketed - Regional Transmission Organizations."

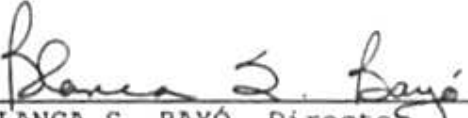
A copy of the agenda for this workshop may be obtained by writing to the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, at the address previously noted.

Any person requiring some accommodation at this workshop because of a physical impairment should call the Division of Records and Reporting at (850) 413-6770 at least 48 hours prior to the workshop. Any person who is hearing or speech impaired, should contact the Florida Public Service Commission by using the Florida Relay Service, which can be reached at 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

JURISDICTION

Jurisdiction is vested in this Commission pursuant to Sections 366.04 and 366.05, Florida Statutes. The workshop will be governed by the provisions of that Chapter and Chapters 25-22 and 28-106, Florida Administrative Code.

By DIRECTION of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 9th day of December, 1998.



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