

The Florida Public Service Commission announces a staff workshop to be held in the following matter, to which all interested persons and parties are invited to attend.

UNDOCKETED: Regional Transmission Organizations

DATE AND TIME: 10:00 a.m., Thursday, January 7, 1999

PLACE: Commission Hearing Room 171, Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, Florida 32301.

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:

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| ACK _____ | (1) "pancaking" of transmission rates; |
| AFA _____ | (2) the effects of generation and transmission market power |
| APP _____ | on the Florida grid; |
| CAF _____ | (3) transmission planning and expansion in a fully |
| CMU _____ | competitive wholesale market; |
| CTR _____ | (4) comparability of wholesale customers to transmission |
| EAG _____ | owners' retail customers; |
| LEG _____ | (5) the criteria and policy considerations that should be |
| LIN _____ | used to establish the boundaries for effective RTOs if |
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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.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by writing to the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, at the address previously noted, or by calling (850) 413-6770.

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