



Spring 2009 Technical Workshop in Support of U.S. Department of Energy 2009 Congestion Study

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*Crowne Plaza Chicago O'Hare Hotel & Conference Center
March 25-26, 2009*

Agenda

Day 1 – Wednesday, March 25, 2009

9:00 a.m. Registration Check-In & Continental Breakfast

10:00 a.m. **DOE Welcome/Purpose of Workshop**

David Meyer, *Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE-OE)*

10:15 a.m. **Session 1 – Historic Congestion in the Western Interconnection**

The Western Electric Coordinating Council Transmission Expansion Planning and Policy Committee has conducted an analysis of historic congestion in the Western Interconnection. This panel will present TEPPC's findings, discuss the metrics used to assess congestion, and review the implications of the findings with sub-regional transmission experts.

Speakers:

Wally Gibson, *Manager, System Analysis and Generation, Northwest Power and Conservation Council, and Co-Chair, Transmission Expansion Policy and Planning Committee, Western Electric Coordinating Council*

Dean Perry, *Consultant, Western Electricity Coordinating Council*

Kurt Granat, *Principal Transmission Planning Consultant, PacifiCorp*

Bob Smith, *Director, Energy Delivery Asset Management and Planning, Arizona Public Service*

Moderator: **Joe Eto**, *Staff Scientist, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory*

12:00 p.m. Lunch – on your own

1:00 p.m. **Session 2 – Historic Congestion in the Eastern Interconnection**

DOE sponsored an analysis of historic congestion in the Eastern Interconnection based on a combination of OASIS and IDC data, and LMP data for the centrally-organized markets. This panel will present the finding from this work and hear the views of eastern transmission experts about interpretation of the study findings.

Speakers:

Jagjit Singh, *VP/Director, Open Access Technology International, Inc.*

Farrokh Rahimi, *VP/Director, Open Access Technology International, Inc.*

Jim Busbin, *Supervisor, Bulk Power, Southern Company Transmission, and Chair, North American Electric Reliability Corporation Interchange Distribution Calculator Working Group*

Mike Walsh, *Senior Director—UDS, EMS, Compliance, and Training, Midwest ISO*

Steve Herling, *Vice President, Planning, PJM Interconnection, LLC*

Moderator: **Joe Eto**, *Staff Scientist, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory*

3:00 p.m. Break

3:15 p.m. **Session 3 – Studies of Future Congestion in the Western Interconnection**

WECC TEPPC has recently completed forward-looking studies of congestion in the Western Interconnection. This panel will discuss the process through which these studies were prepared, the findings from the most recent round of studies, the relationship between TEPPC and sub-regional transmission planning processes, and the linkage between TEPPC and longer-range regional resource and transmission planning processes.

Speakers:

Scott Cauchois, *Co-Chair, Transmission Expansion Policy and Planning Committee, and Board Member, Western Electricity Coordinating Council*

Brad Nickell, *Renewable Integration & Planning Director, Western Electricity Coordinating Council*

Rob Kondziolka, *Manager, Transmission Planning, Salt River Project*

Doug Larson, *Executive Director, Western Interstate Energy Board*

Moderator: **John Schnagl**, *Director, Transmission Adequacy, DOE-OE*

5:00 p.m. Adjourn

Day 2 – Thursday, March 26, 2009

7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. **Session 4 – Studies of Future Congestion in the Eastern Interconnection**

Pursuant to FERC Order 890, a variety of regional transmission planning activities is emerging in the Eastern Interconnection. This panel will discuss aspects of selected planning activities that are taking place, including recent findings on future congestion, the planning approach, and issues related to coordination among these activities.

Speakers:

John Lawhorn, *Director, Midwest ISO*

John Buechler, *Executive Regulatory Policy Advisor, New York ISO*

Ron Carlsen, *Planning Manager, Southern Company Transmission*

David Till, *Senior Manager, Transmission Planning, Tennessee Valley Authority*

Moderator: **David Meyer**, *Senior Policy Advisor, DOE-OE*

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. **Session 5 – Status Report on DOE 2009 Congestion Study**

David Meyer, *Senior Policy Advisor, DOE-OE*

11:30 a.m. Adjourn