

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**Natural Gas Price Formation**

**Docket No. AD03-7-001**

**NOTICE OF AGENDA FOR THE JUNE 24, 2003  
STAFF TECHNICAL CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP ON  
ENERGY PRICE DISCOVERY & INDICES**

(June 19, 2003)

As announced on May 29, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) will hold a technical conference and workshop on Tuesday, June 24, 2003 to be held at FERC headquarters, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC, in the Commission Meeting Room (Room 2C). The preceding conference on this subject, the April 24, 2003 conference on Natural Gas Price Formation in this docket, provided Commission staff and participants with useful insights on price indices and their role in price formation. Many of the issues raised at that conference affect markets generally. We explored issues relating to the sufficiency of currently collected and published natural gas price information. Authenticity and reliability of the data and adequacy of coverage were discussed. Recognizing this, the Commission has expanded the scope of the upcoming conference to consider the role of price indices in the formation of prices for electricity as well as natural gas. We intend to weigh options and facilitate solutions that would ensure accurate, transparent and reliable gas and electric price indices.

We seek consensus on the best near-term option that will satisfy public policy goals in a timely, effective and efficient fashion. The discussion will focus on comparing the merits of various options. Under consideration are industry solutions as well as solutions involving regulatory or self-regulatory oversight, and what would be required to implement each option. Staff's Paper on Price Formation Issues was posted on June 13, in FERRIS under this docket and on the Commission's web site under "Conferences." The hope is to assist the industry in reaching consensus where possible, providing the proposed solutions satisfy both data criteria (implementation issues and good price reporting systems) as well as decisional criteria required for the Commission to do its job. The conference will include panelists to explore proposed short- and long-term options.

We look forward to an informative discussion of the options and a determination of which would best provide all the necessary elements for energy market participants to make informed decisions, and for the Commission to exercise appropriate oversight. . Comments may be filed in this docket number by July 10 for all to access. (Instructions

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on filing electronically can be found at  
<http://www.ferc.gov/documents/makeanelectronicfiling/doorbell.htm>.)

The one-day meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude about 5:00 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 May 29th Notice, 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](http://www.capitolconnection.org). Capitol Connection also offers FERC open meetings through its Washington, D.C.-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](mailto:Saida.Shaalan@ferc.gov).

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Secretary

Attachment: **Conference Agenda**

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**Introduction**

**9:00 - 9:30 a.m.**

- **William Hederman, Director, Office of Market Oversight & Investigations -**  
Welcome, introductions
- **Commissioner Donald Mason, Ohio Public Utilities Commission and Vice-  
Chair of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners' Gas  
Committee -** Opening remarks
- **Michael Gorham, Director, Division of Market Oversight, Commodity  
Futures Trading Commission -** Opening remarks
- **Stephen Harvey, Director, Office of Market Oversight & Assessment**  
Layout of the day and specific matters that will be focused on including the  
Staff Paper on Price Formation Issues

**Panel 1 Third-Party Index Providers**

**9:30 - 10:30 a.m.**

And proposals from other industries

- **Christopher Taylor, Executive Director, Municipal Securities Regulatory  
Board**
- **Angelo Susi, Senior Vice President, Product & Information Services, Strategic  
Planning, GovPX**
- **Jeff Graefe, Director, Global Energy Management Institute. University of  
Houston**
- **Greg Lander, Principal, Skipping Stone, Inc.**
- **Robert Stewart, President, Merchants Exchange**

**Panel 2 Industry Consensus Building**

**10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

Discussion with the industry spokespersons on points of agreement, points  
needing resolution, and areas of non-compromise.

- **Coalition Representative spokespersons -**
  - S One ten-minute statement as to issues that are agreed upon
  - S Several 5-minute statements on issues to be resolved

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S Two-minute comments.

*As of 6/17/03, the Coalition consists of :* EMIT, INGAA, AGA, PGC, IPAA, NGSA, EPSA, CCRO, Goldman Sachs, American Forrest & Paper (member of IECA), APGA, NRECA;

**Lunch** **12:30 -1:30 p.m.**

**Panel 3 Discussion of the Coalition's Proposal 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.**

- **Harry Sachinis, President, Platts**
- **Ellen Beswick, Publisher, Intelligence Press**
- **Thomas Wallin, President, Energy Intelligence Group**
- **Robert A. Levin, Senior Vice President, NYMEX**
- **Chuck Vice, Senior Vice President, InterContinental Exchange**
- **Mike Smith, Executive Director, Committee of Chief Risk Officers**
- **Coalition Representatives (to respond to diverse points)**

**Panel 4 Industry Requirements for Price Discovery 3:10 - 4:00 p.m.**

- **David Sobotka, President Entergy-Koch Trading Co.**
- **John Collins, Chief Risk Officer, Constellation**
- **Laurie Ferber, Managing Director, US Power Trading, Goldman, Sachs & Co.**
- **Doug Fuehne, Director, Commodities & Energy, Reuters America**

**Panel 5 Wrap up and Next steps 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.**  
Commissioners' comments (Optional)