

# Public Technical Conference on DOE Congestion Study and Criteria for Designation of National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors



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## AGENDA

Webconference user guide is available at the following web site:

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### March 29, 2006 — 8:30 am – 3:00 pm CST

- 7:30 - 8:30 am      **Registration Check-in and Continental Breakfast**
- 8:30 -10:00 am      **SESSION 1: Welcome and Opening Statements by U.S. Department of Energy**
- 8:30 am              **Welcome**
- **Kevin Kolevar**, Director, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability
- 8:45 am              **Update on Congestion Study**
- **Poonum Agrawal**, Manager, Markets & Technical Integration, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability
- 9:00 am              **Discussion of Process Questions Concerning Designation of National Corridors**
- **David Meyer**, Acting Assistant Director, Division of Permitting, Siting, and Analysis, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability
- 9:30 am              **Question & Answer Period**
- Facilitated by: Jody Erikson**, Keystone Center
- 10:00 – 10:15 am      **Break**
- 10:15 – 12:00 pm      **SESSION 2: How Can the Designation of Transmission Constraint Areas and National Corridors Add Value to Existing Planning and Siting Processes?**
- Panelists:**
- **Ricky Bittle**, Vice President of Planning, Rates & Dispatching, Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corp.
  - **Joe Desmond**, Chairman, California Energy Commission
  - **Dian Grueneich**, Commissioner, California Public Utilities Commission



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- **Sandra Hochstetter**, Chairman, Arkansas Public Service Commission
- **Rob Kondziolka**, Salt River Project and Chairman, Western Congestion Assessment Task Force
- **Michael B. Robinson**, Project Manager, Transmission Planning, Southern Company Services, Inc.
- **William Whitehead**, Manager of Transmission Planning Policy, PJM Interconnection

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Each panelist will make a 5-minute presentation responding to one or more of the following questions:

- What weight should DOE give to analyses conducted by regional transmission planning processes in the identification of constraint areas and designation of National Corridors?
- What aspects of regional planning processes should be considered in assessing these analyses, such as the extent to which they are open to all parties and not overly influenced by a single interest group; are coordinated with state and load serving entities' resource plans; consider wires and non-wires alternatives; consider access to distant future resources, such as wind and coal, and produce well-documented and transparent analyses?
- In the absence of an established regional transmission planning process, how should regional, state, and local considerations be addressed in the identification of constraint areas and designation of National Corridors?
- What additional complementary or supporting actions by DOE (or others) should be triggered by the identification of constraint areas or the designation of National Corridors? For example, should DOE foster federal/state teams to encourage development and expeditious reviews of proposals to mitigate congestion in constraint areas? Should priority be placed on designating corridors on federal lands under Section 368 that could be used for projects to relieve constraint areas?

After the round of opening statements, DOE will ask the panelists a series of follow-up questions. After this round of questions, the facilitator will open the discussion to comments and questions from the audience.

12:00 – 1:00 pm

## **Lunch**

An informal lunch will be provided at the meeting site.

1:00 – 2:45 pm

## **SESSION 3: How should Criteria Be Applied in the Identification of Constraint Areas and the Designation of National Corridors?**

### **Overview of Comments on Criteria and Metrics**

- **Poonum Agrawal**, U.S. Department of Energy



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**Panelists:**

- **Mary Ellen Paravalos**, Director of Regulatory Policy, National Grid
- **David Till**, Transmission Planning Department Manager, Tennessee Valley Authority
- **Michael Heyeck**, Vice President, Transmission, American Electric Power
- **Kevin Wright**, Commissioner, Illinois Commerce Commission
- **Ed Tatum**, Assistant Vice President, Rates & Regulations, Old Dominion Electric Cooperative
- **Wayne Walker**, Director of Project Development, Horizon Wind Energy
- **Wayne Snowdon**, Vice Chair, Canadian Electricity Association Transmission Council; Vice President, Transmission, NB Power

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Each panelist will make a 5-minute presentation responding to one or more of the following questions:

- How broadly (or narrowly) should constraint areas and corridors be defined?
- Should thresholds be established in applying criteria for constraint area and National Corridor designations? If so, what should they be for the eight draft criteria proposed by DOE?
- Should constraint area or National Corridor designations expire after some fixed period? If so, what should the period be?
- How should the designation of constraint areas and National Corridors be coordinated with the planning and siting processes used in Canada, ERCOT, and Mexico?

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2:45 pm

**Summary, Next Steps, and Closing Remarks**

**Discussion led by:** *Poonum Agrawal, U.S. Department of Energy*

3:00 pm

**Adjourn**