

Snapshot Report

Sharing

Market Understanding

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Rationale For Sharing

- NARUC – July 27, 2003 & CREPC - Nov. 4, 2003: “Laying the Foundation for Better Oversight”
 - FERC and States are part of a regulatory network
 - Network must work well if energy markets are to succeed
 - We all need to:
 - Understand markets better
 - Develop trust in our individual and collective ability to understand and respond well
 - Communicate with each other when either of us see market issues
 - Work together to resolve market issues

What Do We Offer?

- OMOI has dedicated monitoring staff
- OMOI has significant information sources
- Routine reports on market issues and status
- Periodic and ad hoc market reports
- Ability to share these reports and analysis with States
- Starting place for broadening the network for identifying market issues
- Opportunity to begin building an infrastructure for discussing and resolving market issues

The Pilot Program

- Started in July 2003
- Met with 4 States (WY, NY, FL & ME - New England)
- Walked through redacted Surveillance Report
- Received State interest in participating
- Discussed Pilot with Commission and Office Directors
- Obtained approval from information sources
- Developed Snapshot Report template
- Received State agreement not to release Snapshot
- Sent Routine e-mails of redacted Snapshot Reports
- Held occasional discussions with participants

Feedback

- Concept enthusiastically embraced by all 4 entities
- Held discussions with States about issues covered in the Report
- States have used the information in the Reports
- Have been informed of related activities being undertaken by States
- Received additional State requests for inclusion
- Received requests from MMUs for inclusion
- Presented to the Commission a synopsis of the Pilot and received approval to open the program up to additional interested States

Snapshot Overview

- Market Briefing – discuss 5 to 8 timely issues
- In-depth Analysis – detailed discussion of a “hot” issue or market subject
- Market Monitoring – routine set of tables, charts and graphs)
 - Physical Infrastructure (TLRs, storage)
 - Prices and Market Analysis (gas and electric prices, basis differentials, futures)
 - Company Financials (stock price changes, capitalization changes, credit ratings, debt maturity)
 - Weather (energy use forecast, heating degree days, hydro outlook)

We Are Especially Interested in The West

- Markets in West matter a lot
 - Large trade flows
 - Everyone dependent on trade one way or another
- Commissions in West
 - Have history of working together
 - Seeking a Western solution to market problems

Next Step Options

- E-mails of Snapshot Report
- Regional meetings instead of individual states
 - Opportunity to exchange ideas
 - Address issues regionally
 - Logistics
 - Try to bring different parts of FERC
- Conference calls
- Semi-annual or annual meetings

Questions

