



## **U.S. Department of Energy National Electric Transmission Congestion Study Briefing and Consultation Opportunity For State Officials and Stakeholders**

Section 216(a)(1) of the Federal Power Act (FPA) requires the Department of Energy (Department or DOE) to complete a study of electric transmission congestion every three years. DOE issued its first “National Electric Transmission Congestion Study” (Congestion Study) in August 2006 and the second early in 2010.

The Department is preparing the 2012 Congestion Study now, and will host three webinars in August 2012 to receive input and suggestions concerning the preliminary findings of the Study. After the webinars, DOE will release a draft of the study for public comment. DOE will publish a final version of the study after reviewing and considering comments on the draft Study.

The webinars will be held on three dates in August:

- Tuesday, August 7, from 2:00 to 3:30 pm Eastern
- Thursday, August 16, from 2:00 to 3:30 pm Eastern
- Tuesday, August 21, from 2:00 to 3:30 pm Eastern

Those wishing to participate in these webinars should register in advance using the links available at the Department’s Congestion Study website, <http://energy.gov/node/378523>.

These webinars will offer information on the preliminary findings of the 2012 Study with time available for participants to make comments and direct questions to the presenters. Two of these webinars (August 7 and 21) will focus in particular on state officials’ comments and concerns. The third webinar (August 16) will give the same opportunity to other stakeholders. All three webinars will be archived and posted on DOE’s Congestion Study website.

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