

U.S.-CANADA POWER SYSTEM OUTAGE TASK FORCE

CONFERENCE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW DRAFT REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

CANADIAN EMBASSY
501 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, D.C.
June 22, 2006, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Embassy Theatre (basement level)

On Thursday, June 22, in Washington, D.C., the U.S.-Canada Power System Outage Task Force will hold a conference for stakeholders and the public to comment on the draft of the final report of the Task Force. The draft report assesses the status of implementation of the recommendations made by the Task Force in its 2004 report on the causes of the blackout.

Format:

The conference will be hosted by the Task Force co-leads, Dr. Nawal Kamel and Mr. Kevin Kolevar. Three expert panels, each addressing a group of recommendations, will report to the co-leads on the status of the implementation of the recommendations, as well as on the accuracy of the draft report. Once each panel has completed its presentation, there may be questions from the Task Force co-leads and participants at the head table. The Task co-leads will then ask for questions from the audience. Following the three panels, oral submissions will be invited from the audience, with priority given to representatives of affected states and Ontario.

Registration:

Please complete and return the attached registration form by Thursday, June 15, 2006. The draft report will be provided to all registrants prior to the conference.

Background:

The U.S.-Canada Power System Outage Task Force was established to identify the causes of the 2003 power outage that affected North America, and to make recommendations on how to reduce the likelihood of future outages. Following the release of the Task Force report, *Final Report on the August 14, 2003 Blackout in the United States and Canada: Causes and Recommendations*, the governments of the United States and Canada extended the mandate of the Task Force to monitor and report on the implementation of the recommendations.

Tentative agenda:

8:00-8:30	Registration
8:30-8:45	Welcome/Introduction
8:45-9:45	Panel 1: Institutional issues related to reliability
9:45-11:45	Panel 2: NERC actions
11:45-1:30	Working lunch: Reliability outlook for summer 2006
1:30-2:45	Panel 3: Physical and cyber security
3:00-3:30	Oral submissions
3:30-4:30	Summary and closing remarks

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Canadian Embassy, Washington, D.C.
501 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

TITLE: _____

ORGANIZATION: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

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PROVINCE: _____

POSTAL CODE: _____

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DIETARY CONSIDERATIONS: _____

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IMPORTANT NOTE:

Participants must present photo ID at the Embassy and pass through a security check/metal detector. Participants should plan on arriving at least 15 minutes before the start of the workshop to allow for security.

Suggested Hotels

(2-3 blocks from Embassy)

Hyatt Regency Washington

400 New Jersey Avenue Northwest
202-737-1234

<http://washingtonregency.hyatt.com/property/index.jhtml>

Holiday Inn – On the Hill

415 New Jersey Avenue Northwest
202-638-1616

<http://www.holidayinnonthehill.com/meetings.php>

The Hotel George

15 E Street Northwest
202-347-4200

<http://www.hotelgeorge.com/main.cfm>

3 Ways to Register for the Workshop

(no cost for the workshop)

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Registration Deadline

PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUESTED TO REGISTER BY JUNE 15 FOR SECURITY REASONS