

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory  
Commission**

[Docket No. ER01-1989-001]

**Southwest Power Pool, Inc.; Notice of  
Filing**

May 15, 2001.

Take notice that on May 10, 2001, Southwest Power Pool, Inc. (SPP) tendered for filing a supplement to the tariff changes submitted on May 7, 2001, in Docket No. ER01-1989-000.

Copies of this filing have been served on all affected state commission, SPP customers, and SPP members.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such considered by the Commission to determine the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,***Acting Secretary.*

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[FERC Docket Nos. CP01-22-000 and CP01-23-000; CSLC EIR No. 703; State Clearinghouse No. SCH2001011020; BLM Reference No. CACA-42662]

**North Baja Pipeline, LLC; Supplement to the Notice of Intent/Preparation to Prepare a Joint Environmental Impact Statement/Report for the Proposed North Baja Pipeline Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues Related to the Bureau of Land Management's Consideration of an Amendment to the Yuma Resource Management Plan**

May 16, 2001.

On December 12, 2000, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) and the California State Lands Commission (CSLC) issued a Notice of Intent/Preparation (NOI/NOP) to jointly prepare an environmental impact statement/report (EIS/EIR) that will discuss the environmental impacts of North Baja Pipeline, LLC's (NBP) proposed North Baja Pipeline Project in La Paz County, Arizona, and Riverside and Imperial Counties, California. The FERC will be the lead Federal agency in the preparation of the EIS/EIR while the CSLC will be the State Lead Agency for California. The joint document will satisfy the requirements of both the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act.

The North Baja Pipeline Project would involve the construction and operating of a new 18,810-horsepower compressor station in La Paz County, Arizona, and about 80.0 miles of 36- and 30-inch-diameter pipeline extending from an interconnection with El Paso Natural Gas Company in La Paz County, Arizona, through Riverside and Imperial Counties, California, to an interconnection at the international border between the United States and Mexico. A total of 48.2 miles of the proposed pipeline and one new meter station would be on lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) under the jurisdiction of the Palm Springs, El Centro, and Yuma Field Offices. The BLM has agreed to meet its NEPA responsibilities in considering NBP's application to cross these Federal lands by participating as a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EIS/EIR.

The December 12, 2000 NOI/NOP stated that the BLM will use the EIS/EIR to consider a plan amendment, which may be necessary for pipeline

construction outside of the designated utility corridors as described in the California Desert Conservation Area Plan, 1980 (as amended). The BLM has recently informed us that it will also use the EIS/EIR to consider an amendment to the Yuma Resource Management Plan (RMP), which may be necessary for pipeline construction across the Milpitas Wash Special Management Area.

By this notice, we<sup>1</sup> are specifically seeking public comments on the BLM's consideration of an amendment to the Yuma RMP. This supplemental NOI/NOP does not reopen the general scoping period for the EIS/EIR. Please carefully follow the instructions below to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded.

- Send an original and two copies of your letter to: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., N.E., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;
- Reference Docket No. CP01-22-000;
- Label one copy of your comments for the attention of the Gas Group 1, PJ-11.1;
- Send an additional copy of your letter to the following individual: Goodyear K. Walker, California State Lands Commission, 100 Howe Ave., Suite 100 South, Sacramento, CA 95825;
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before June 18, 2001.

Comments, protests and interventions may also be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm> under the link to the User's Guide. Before you can file comments you will need to create an account by clicking on "Login to File" and then "New User Account."

**Availability of Additional Information**

Additional information about the proposed project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (202)208-1088 or on the FERC website ([www.ferc.fed.us](http://www.ferc.fed.us)) using the "RIMS" link to information in this docket number. Click on the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" from the RIMS Menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to RIMS, the RIMS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2222.

Similarly, the "CIPS" link on the FERC Internet website provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders,

<sup>1</sup> "We," "us," and "our" refer to the staff of the FERC's Office of Energy Projects and the CSLC.