b. *Teleconference Call:* Call-in procedures and an agenda will be posted to the Commission's Web site soon at: *http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx?Date=1/6/2007&CalendarID=0.*

c. *FERC Contact:* Steve Hocking at (202) 502–8753 or *steve.hocking@ferc.gov.*

d. *Purpose of Teleconference:* PPL Montana filed an application to relicense the Mystic Lake Hydroelectric Project on December 15, 2006. Commission staff may include a ''Wilderness Avoidance Alternative'' in our NEPA analysis to analyze lowered lake levels in both Mystic and West Rosebud Lakes, if needed, to prevent these two lakes from encroaching upon the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness Area. This teleconference is to help Commission staff determine whether any additional information is needed to analyze a ''Wilderness Avoidance Alternative'' in our NEPA document.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP06–614–000]

Transwestern Pipeline Company, LLC; Notice of Informal Settlement Conference

December 19, 2006.

Take notice that an informal settlement conference will be convened in this proceeding commencing at 10 a.m. (EST) on Tuesday, January 9, 2007, at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, for the purpose of exploring the possible settlement of the above-referenced docket.

Any party, as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(c), or any participant as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(b), is invited to attend. Persons wishing to become a party must move to intervene and receive intervenor status pursuant to the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 385.214).

FERC conferences are accessible under section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For accessibility accommodations please send an e-mail to *accessibility@ferc.gov* or call toll free 1–866–208–3372 (voice) or 202–208–1659 (TTY), or send a FAX to 202–208–2106 with the required accommodations.

For additional information, please contact Tom Burgess at (202) 502–6058, *thomas.burgess@ferc.gov* or Lorna Hadlock at (202) 502–8737, *lorna.hadlock@ferc.gov.*

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Southwestern Power Administration

Robert D. Willis Hydropower Rate Schedules

AGENCY: Southwestern Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of Rate Order.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Delegation Order Nos. 00–037.00, effective December 6, 2001, and 00–001.00B, effective July 28, 2005, the Deputy Secretary has approved and placed into effect on an interim basis Rate Order No. SWPA–57, which increases the power rate for the Robert Douglas Willis Hydropower Project (Willis) pursuant to the following Willis Rate Schedule:

Rate Schedule RDW–06, Wholesale Rates for Hydro Power and Energy Sold to Sam Rayburn Municipal Power Agency (Contract No. DE—PM75–85SW00117)

The effective period for the rate schedule specified in Rate Order No. SWPA–57 is January 1, 2007, through September 30, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Forrest E. Reeves, Assistant Administrator, Office of Corporate Operations, Southwestern Power Administration, Department of Energy, One West Third Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103, (918) 595–6696, *gene.reeves@swpa.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The existing hydroelectric power rate for the Robert Douglas Willis project is $648,096 per year. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission approved this rate on a final basis on June 21, 2006, for the period January 1, 2006, through September 30, 2009. The 2006 Willis Power Repayment Studies indicate the need for an increase in the annual rate by $167,484 or 25.8 percent beginning January 1, 2007.

The Administrator, Southwestern Power Administration (Southwestern) has followed Title 10, Part 903 Subpart A, of the Code of Federal Regulations, ''Procedures for Public Participation in Power and Transmission Rate Adjustments and Extensions'' in connection with the proposed rate schedule. On August 10, 2006, Southwestern published notice in the **Federal Register** (71 FR 45820), of a 60-day comment period, together with a combined Public Information and Comment Forum, to provide an opportunity for customers and other interested members of the public to review and comment on a proposed rate increase for the Willis project. The public forum was canceled when no one expressed an intention to participate. Written comments were accepted through October 10, 2006. One comment was received from Gillis & Angley, Counsellors at Law, on behalf of Sam Rayburn Municipal Power Agency and the Vinton Public Power Authority, which stated that they had no objection to the proposed rate adjustment.

Information regarding this rate proposal, including studies and other supporting material, is available for public review and comment in the offices of Southwestern Power Administration, One West Third Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103.

Following review of Southwestern's proposal within the Department of Energy, I approved Rate Order No. SWPA–57, on an interim basis, which increases the existing Robert D. Willis rate to $815,580, per year, for the period January 1, 2007, through September 30, 2010.

Dated: December 21, 2006.

Clay Sell,

Deputy Secretary.

United States of America Department of Energy, Deputy Secretary of Energy

In the Matter of: Southwestern Power Administration; Robert D. Willis Hydropower Project Rate

Rate Order No. SWPA–57

Order Confirming, Approving and Placing Increased Power Rate Schedule in Effect on an Interim Basis

Pursuant to sections 302(a) and 301(b) of the Department of Energy Organization Act, Public Law 95–91, the functions of the Secretary of the Interior and the Federal Power Commission under section 5 of the Flood Control Act of 1944, 16 U.S.C. 825s, relating to the Southwestern Power Administration (Southwestern) were transferred to and vested in the Secretary of Energy. By Delegation Order No. 0204–108, effective December 14, 1983, the Secretary of Energy delegated to the Administrator of Southwestern the authority to develop power and transmission rates, delegated to the Deputy Secretary of the Department of Energy the authority to confirm,