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 3–3:15 p.m.: *Break*.
 3:15–5 p.m.: *Panel V*.

Discussion continues

Panelists:

Randy Rismiller, Manager of Federal Energy Programs, Illinois Commerce Commission
 Michael Allman, President & CEO, Sempra Generation
 Joseph E. Bowring, Market Monitor, PJM Interconnection, LLC
 Randall Speck, Attorney, Kaye Scholer LLP, on behalf of the Maryland Public Service Commission and the Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control
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 Robert A. Weishaar, Jr., McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC, on behalf of PJM Industrial Customer Coalition and NEPOOL Industrial Customer Coalition
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2230–036]

City and Borough of Sitka, AK; Notice of Request To Use Alternative Procedures in Preparing a License Amendment Application

April 28, 2008.

Take notice that the following request to use alternative procedures to prepare a license amendment application has been filed with the Commission.

- Type of Application:* Request to use alternative procedures to prepare a license amendment application.
- Project No.:* 2230–036.
- Date Filed:* March 11, 2008.
- Applicant:* City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska.

e. *Name of Project:* Blue Lake Project.
 f. *Location:* On Sawmill Creek, in Borough of Sitka, Alaska. The project occupies 1,628.1 acres of federal lands within Tongass National Forest.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C 791(a)–825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Charlie Walls, Utility Director, City and Borough of Sitka Electric Department, 105 Jarvis St., Sitka, Alaska 99835, (907) 747–1870, charlie@cityofsitka.com.

i. *FERC Contact:* William Guey-Lee, 202–502–6064,

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j. *Deadline for Comments:* May 28, 2008.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Comments may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-Filing" link.

k. The existing project generally consists of a 211-foot-high, 256-foot-long concrete arch dam, impounding the 1,225 acre Blue Lake reservoir; a 7,110 foot-long power conduit; and a powerhouse containing two 3,000 kilowatt units. The applicant proposes to add a third generating unit near the existing powerhouse, and raise the existing dam by as much as 83 feet.

l. A copy of the request to use alternative procedures is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at

FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at 1–866–208–3676, or for TTY, (202) 502–8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via e-mail of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

m. Applicant has demonstrated that it has made an effort to contact all federal and state resources agencies, non-governmental organizations (NGO), and others affected by the project. Applicant has also demonstrated that a consensus exists that the use of alternative

procedures is appropriate in this case. Applicant has submitted a communications protocol that is supported by the stakeholders.

The purpose of this notice is to invite any additional comments on Applicant's request to use the alternative procedures, pursuant to section 4.34(i) of the Commission's regulations. Additional notices seeking comments on the specific project proposal, interventions and protests, and recommended terms and conditions will be issued at a later date. Applicant will complete and file a preliminary Environmental Assessment, in lieu of Exhibit E of the application. This differs from the traditional process, in which an applicant consults with agencies, Indian tribes, NGOs, and other parties during preparation of the license application and before filing the application, but the Commission staff performs the environmental review after the application is filed. The alternative procedures are intended to simplify and expedite the licensing process by combining the pre-filing consultation and environmental review processes into a single process, to facilitate greater participation, and to improve communication and cooperation among the participants.

Applicant has met with federal and state resource agencies, NGO's, elected officials, environmental groups, and members of the public regarding the Blue Lake amendment project. Applicant intends to conduct the alternative licensing procedures process to file a license amendment application by May 2009.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP08–154–000]

Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

April 24, 2008.

Take notice that on April 15, 2008, Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company (Williston Basin), 1250 West Century Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota 58503, filed in Docket No. CP08–154–000 a prior notice request pursuant to sections 157.205, 157.208 and 157.213 of the Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and

Williston Basin's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-487-000 for the construction, authorization, and abandonment of mainline natural gas facilities (compression and measurement) in McKenzie and Williams County, as more fully set forth in the application, which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The facilities will allow Williston Basin to deliver incremental firm transportation service to shippers that signed precedent agreements resulting from an open season ended November 30, 2007. Williston Basin states that the estimated cost to construct the facilities is approximately \$7,300,000. The filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions concerning this application may be directed to Keith A. Tiggelaar, Director of Regulatory Affairs, Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company, 1250 West Century Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota 58503, or telephone (701) 530-1560 (e-mail keith.tiggelaar@wbip.com).

Any person or the Commission's Staff may, within 60 days after the issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and, pursuant to section 157.205 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to section 7 of the NGA.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests, and interventions via the internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a) (1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-Filing" link.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration

2015 Resource Pool

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of Proposed 2015 Resource Pool Size and Revised Eligibility Criteria.

SUMMARY: The Western Area Power Administration (Western), a Federal power marketing administration of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), published its 2004 Power Marketing Plan (Marketing Plan) for Western's Sierra Nevada Customer Service Region (SNR) in the **Federal Register** on June 25, 1999 (64 FR 34417). The Marketing Plan specifies the terms and conditions under which Western will market power from the Central Valley Project (CVP) and the Washoe Project beginning January 1, 2005, and continuing through December 31, 2024. The Marketing Plan provides for a 2015 Resource Pool of up to 2 percent of SNR's marketable power resources. The 2015 Resource Pool will be available for power allocations to preference entities that meet the Eligibility Criteria. This notice begins the public process to establish the resources available and to revise the Eligibility Criteria provided in the Marketing Plan for the 2015 Resource Pool. Once Western establishes the final amount of power to be made available under the 2015 Resource Pool and the associated Eligibility Criteria, preference entities who wish to apply for an allocation of power from SNR must submit formal applications in response to Western's Call for 2015 Resource Pool Applications to be published under a separate notice.

DATES: Entities interested in submitting comments on Western's Proposed 2015 Resource Pool size and revised Eligibility Criteria must submit comments to the SNR office at the address below. To ensure consideration, comments must be received by the end of the comment period which closes at 4 p.m. PST on July 7, 2008. The public comment forum date is: May 21, 2008, 1 p.m. PST, Folsom, CA. Please refer to Western's Web page <http://www.wapa.gov/sn/marketing/2015ResourcePool.asp> for additional information including updates to the date, time, and location of the forum.

ADDRESSES: Western will hold the public comment forum at the Lake Natoma Inn, 702 Gold Lake Drive, Folsom, CA. Written comments can be mailed to Ms. Sonja A. Anderson, Power Marketing Manager, Sierra Nevada

Region, Western Area Power Administration, 114 Parkshore Drive, Folsom, CA 95630-4710, e-mail sanderso@wapa.gov. Oral comments must be presented at the public comment forum which will be held on May 21, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Jeanne Haas, Power Contracts and Energy Services Manager, Sierra Nevada Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, 114 Parkshore Drive, Folsom, CA 95630-4710, telephone (916) 353-4438, e-mail haas@wapa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Marketing Plan provides that, effective January 1, 2015, Western will reduce all Customers' allocations by up to 2 percent to establish a 2015 Resource Pool. In addition, the Marketing Plan explains that as a result of a settlement, the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) did not contribute to the 2005 Resource Pool. Beginning in 2015, SMUD's percentage will be adjusted pursuant to the Marketing Plan to be consistent with all other Existing Customers, and the percentage it did not provide to the 2005 Resource Pool will be included in the 2015 Resource Pool. Western is starting the public process for the allocation of the 2015 Resource Pool now to ensure that Customers have adequate time to secure power and delivery arrangements to start on January 1, 2015.

CVP power facilities include 11 powerplants with a maximum operating capability of about 2,044 megawatts (MW) and an estimated average annual generation of 4.6 million megawatthours (MWh). Western markets and transmits the power available from the CVP.

The Washoe Project's Stampede Powerplant has a maximum operating capability of 3.65 MW with an estimated annual generation of 10,000 MWh. The Sierra Pacific Power Company owns and operates the only transmission system available for access to the Stampede Powerplant.

Western owns the 94 circuit-mile Malin-Round Mountain, 500-kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line (an integral section of the Pacific Northwest-Pacific Southwest Alternating Current Intertie), 803 circuit miles of 230-kV transmission line, 7 circuit miles of 115-kV transmission line, and 44 circuit miles of 69-kV and below transmission line. Western also has part ownership in the 342-mile California-Oregon Transmission Project and owns the 84-mile Path 15 Upgrade Project. Many of Western's Customers have no direct