

market-based rate sellers that failed to submit their Electric Quarterly Reports.<sup>4</sup>

6. Commission staff's review of the Electric Quarterly Report submittals identified two public utilities with authority to sell power at market-based rates that failed to file Electric Quarterly Reports through the fourth quarter of 2007. Commission staff contacted these entities to remind them of their regulatory obligations.<sup>5</sup> None of the public utilities listed in the caption of this order has met those obligations.<sup>6</sup>

Respondent	Last quarter filed
Dunhill Power, L.P. ... Exel Power Sources, L.L.C.	2007, Quarter 2 Never Filed

Accordingly, this order notifies these public utilities that their market-based rate authorizations will be revoked unless they comply with the Commission's requirements within 15 days of the issuance of this order.

7. In the event that either of the above-captioned market-based rate sellers has already filed its Electric Quarterly Reports in compliance with the Commission's requirements, its inclusion herein is inadvertent. Such market-based rate seller is directed, within 15 days of the date of issuance of this order, to make a filing with the Commission identifying itself and providing details about its prior filings that establish that it complied with the Commission's Electric Quarterly Report filing requirements.

8. If either of the above-captioned market-based rate sellers does not wish to continue having market-based rate authority and does not foresee entering into any contracts to sell power at market-based rates, it may file a notice of cancellation with the Commission pursuant to section 205 of the FPA to cancel its market-based rate tariff and end its obligation to submit further Electric Quarterly Reports.

*The Commission orders:*

(A) Within 15 days of the date of issuance of this order, each public

utility listed in the caption of this order shall file with the Commission all delinquent Electric Quarterly Reports. If a public utility fails to make this filing, the Commission will revoke the public utility's authority to sell power at market-based rates and terminate its electric market-based rate tariff. The Secretary is hereby directed, upon expiration of the filing deadline in this order, to promptly issue a notice, effective on the date of issuance, listing the public utilities whose tariffs have been revoked for failure to comply with the requirements of this order and the Commission's Electric Quarterly Report filing requirements.

(B) The Secretary is hereby directed to publish this order in the **Federal Register**.

By the Commission.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. RM05-25-000; RM05-17-000]

#### Preventing Undue Discrimination and Preference in Transmission Service; Notice of Extension of Time

April 29, 2008.

On April 17, 2008, North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) submitted an additional request for an extension of time for public utilities to modify reliability standards related to the calculation of Available Transfer Capability (ATC) in compliance with Order No. 890 and Order No. 693, currently required by May 9, 2008.<sup>1</sup> NERC states that five of the ATC-related reliability standards (MOD-001, MOD-008, MOD-028, MOD-029 and MOD-030) will be completed by August 29, 2008 and expects that work on the sixth reliability standard related to Capacity Benefit Margin (MOD-004) will be completed by November 21, 2008. NERC explains that this additional time is needed to adequately address the concerns raised by the industry regarding the need to fully vet and vote for these reliability standards.

Upon consideration, notice is hereby given that public utilities are granted an extension of time to modify, working through NERC, the reliability standards related to the calculation of ATC as follows: MOD-001, MOD-008, MOD-

028, MOD-029, and MOD-030 shall be submitted on or before August 29, 2008 and MOD-004 shall be submitted on or before November 21, 2008. Public utilities are also granted an extension of time to and including November 27, 2008, to develop, through the North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB), business practices that support the revisions to the NERC reliability standards MOD-001, MOD-008, MOD-028, MOD-029, and MOD-030 and an extension of time to and including February 19, 2009, to develop, through NAESB, business practices that complement the revisions to the NERC reliability standard MOD-004.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP08-96-000]

#### Arlington Storage Company, LLC; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Thomas Corners Storage Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

April 29, 2008.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Thomas Corners Storage Project involving construction and operation of underground natural gas storage, three pipeline lateral facilities, and three interconnections by Arlington Storage Company, LLC (Arlington) in Steuben County, New York. The EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the project. Your input will help determine which issues need to be evaluated in the EA. Please note that the scoping period will close on May 29, 2008. Details on how to submit comments are provided in the Public Participation section of this notice.

This notice is being sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; Native American tribes; other interested

<sup>4</sup> See *Electric Quarterly Reports*, 115 FERC ¶ 61,073 (2006) (April 2006 Revocation Order); *Electric Quarterly Reports*, 114 FERC ¶ 61,171 (2006) (February 2006 Revocation Order); *Electric Quarterly Reports*, 107 FERC ¶ 61,310 (2004); *Notice of Revocation of Market-Based Rate Tariffs*, 69 Fed. Reg. 57,679 (September 27, 2004); *Electric Quarterly Reports*, 105 FERC ¶ 61,219 (2003); and *Electric Quarterly Reports*, 104 FERC ¶ 61,139 (2003).

<sup>5</sup> See *Dunhill, L.P.*, Docket No. ER07-430-000 (February 13, 2008) (unpublished letter order); *Exel Power Sources, LLC*, Docket No. ER07-591-000 (February 13, 2008) (unpublished letter order).

<sup>6</sup> According to the Commission's records, the companies subject to this order last filed their Electric Quarterly Reports in the quarters and years shown below: See table near footnote 6 reference.

<sup>1</sup> See Notice of Extension of Time, Docket Nos. RM05-17-000, *et al.* (Dec. 6, 2007).

parties; and local libraries and newspapers. State and local government representatives are asked to notify their constituents of this proposed project and to encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" addresses a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings. It is available for viewing on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>).

### Summary of the Proposed Project

Arlington proposes to:

- Develop up to 10 injection/withdrawal wells with a total working gas capacity of 7 billion cubic feet (Bcf);
- Develop up to two observation wells;
- Construct 1.7 miles of gathering pipeline;
- Construct and operate a compressor station housing two gas-powered nominal 3,550 horsepower reciprocating engines;
- Construct about 8.1 miles of 12-inch-diameter pipeline (Thomas Corners West Lateral);
- Use an existing 7.5-mile-long, 8-inch-diameter pipeline (Thomas Corners South Lateral); and
- Construct three meter and regulator stations and interconnections with Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Tennessee), and Corning Natural Gas Company (Corning).

The compressor station and storage field facilities would require 27.0 acres for construction and operation. Construction of the Thomas Corners West Lateral would disturb 69.1 acres during construction, and about 35.0 acres would be maintained as newly acquired permanent pipeline right-of-way. Construction of the Columbia and Tennessee Meter and Regulator Stations would disturb 0.9 acre and .06 acre, respectively, and 0.2 acre and 0.3 acre would be permanently maintained for these two meter and regulator stations, respectively. A site for the Corning Meter and Regulator Station has not been selected at this time.

The purpose of the project is to provide additional gas storage that will be capable of withdrawing and delivering gas at a rate of up to 140 Dekatherms per day (Dth/d) and of receiving and injecting gas at a rate of up to 70 Dth/d. The Project would incorporate three interconnections that would link it with three existing natural gas pipeline facilities.

The general location of the proposed facilities is shown in Appendix 1.<sup>1</sup>

### The EA Process

We<sup>2</sup> are preparing this EA to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) which requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impact that could result if it authorizes Arlington's proposal. By this notice, we are also asking federal, state, and local agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues to formally cooperate with us in the preparation of the EA. Agencies that would like to request cooperating status should follow the instructions for filing comments provided below.

NEPA also requires the FERC to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. This process is referred to as "scoping." The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this Notice of Intent, we are requesting public comments on the scope of the issues to address in the EA. All comments received are considered during the preparation of the EA.

The EA will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- geology and soils;
- land use and visual quality;
- cultural resources;
- vegetation and wildlife (including threatened and endangered species);
- air quality and noise;
- reliability and safety;
- water resources.

We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, where necessary, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to federal, state, and local agencies, public interest

<sup>1</sup> The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies of all appendices are available on the Commission's Web site at the "eLibrary" link or from the Commission's Public Reference Room, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 502-8371. For instructions on connecting to eLibrary refer to the "Additional Information" section of this notice. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail. Requests for detailed maps of the proposed facilities should be made directly to Arlington.

<sup>2</sup> "We," "us," and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the FERC's Office of Energy Projects.

groups, interested individuals, affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission's official service list for this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make our recommendations to the Commission.

To ensure your comments are considered, please carefully follow the instructions in the Public Participation section below.

### Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. By becoming a commentor, your concerns will be addressed in the EA and considered by the Commission. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal including alternative compressor station sites and pipeline routes, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send an original and two copies of your letter to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of Gas Branch 1, PJ-11.1;
- Reference Docket No. CP08-96-000; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before May 29, 2008.

Please note that the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing of any comments or interventions or protests to this proceeding. See 18 Code of Federal Regulations 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Internet Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the link to "Documents and Filings" and "eFiling." eFiling is a file attachment process and requires that you prepare your submission in the same manner as you would if filing on paper, and save it to a file on your hard drive. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on "Sign up" or "eRegister." You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making. This filing is considered a "Comment on Filing." In addition, there is a "Quick Comment" option available, which is an easy method for interested persons to submit text only comments on a project. The Quick-Comment User Guide can be viewed at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs>

*filing/efiling/quick-comment-guide.pdf*. Quick Comment does not require a FERC eRegistration account; however, you will be asked to provide a valid email address. All comments submitted under either eFiling or the Quick Comment option are placed in the public record for the specified docket.

#### Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding known as an "intervenor." Intervenor play a more formal role in the process. Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must send one electronic copy (using the Commission's eFiling system) or 14 paper copies of its filings to the Secretary of the Commission and must send a copy of its filings to all other parties on the Commission's service list for this proceeding.

If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see Appendix 2)<sup>3</sup>. Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

Affected landowners and parties with environmental concerns may be granted intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which would not be adequately represented by any other parties. You do not need intervenor status to have your environmental comments considered.

#### Environmental Mailing List

As described above, we may mail the EA for comment. If you are interested in receiving an EA for review and/or comment, please return the Environmental Mailing List form (Appendix 3). If you do not return the Environmental Mailing List form, you will be taken off the mailing list. All individuals who provide written comments will remain in our environmental mailing list for this project.

#### Additional Information

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at 1-866-208-FERC or on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>)

<sup>3</sup>Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.

using the "eLibrary" link. Click on the eLibrary link, then on "General Search" and enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field. Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission now offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries and direct links to the documents. Go to <http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm>.

Finally, any public meetings or site visits will be posted on the Commission's calendar located at <http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx> along with other related information.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Western Area Power Administration

#### Findings for the Sacramento Area Voltage Support Project (DOE/EIS-0323S1)

**AGENCY:** Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of Record of Decision and Floodplain and Wetland Statement.

**SUMMARY:** Western Area Power Administration (Western) plans to construct a new double-circuit, 230-kilovolt (kV) transmission line, approximately 31 miles long, between Western's O'Banion Substation and the area just south of the Sacramento Municipal Utility District's (SMUD) Elverta Substation and reconstruct SMUD's existing 230 kV/115 kV transmission line between SMUD's Elverta and Natomas substations. The Sacramento Area Voltage Support (SVS) Project (Project) would be located in Sutter, Placer, and Sacramento counties in California. Western proposes to build the Project to provide needed transmission system additions and upgrades to maintain system voltage

stability, reliability, and security. Western evaluated seven action alternatives and the No Action Alternative in its supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS). Of these, Alternative B was selected as both the Preferred Alternative and the Environmentally Preferred Action Alternative.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Steve Tuggle, Natural Resource Manager, Western Area Power Administration, Sierra Nevada Region, 114 Parkshore Drive, Folsom, CA 95630-4710; telephone (916) 353-4549; e-mail [tuggle@wapa.gov](mailto:tuggle@wapa.gov). Copies of the SEIS are available from Mr. Tuggle. For information about the Department of Energy (DOE) National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, contact Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance, GC-20, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585; telephone (800) 472-2756.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Western issued the SVS draft and final environmental impact statement (EIS) in November 2002 and September 2003, and issued a record of decision (ROD) on January 12, 2004. In 2005, SMUD and the City of Roseville agreed to provide funding for Western to proceed with additional environmental review of the SVS Project and prepare an SEIS and environmental impact report (EIR).

Western markets and transmits electricity from multi-use, Federal water projects. Western sells wholesale electricity to more than 70 preference customers in central and northern California and Nevada. Western's Sierra Nevada Region (SNR) includes the greater Sacramento, California, area. SNR maintains and operates numerous substations and more than 1,200 miles of transmission lines. These transmission lines are interconnected to other greater Sacramento-area transmission system owners, Load Serving Entities, and utilities, including the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) and the City of Roseville (Roseville). Western's system contributes to and is affected by voltage stability, reliability, and security of the greater Sacramento area transmission system. Transmission system studies in 2001/2002 and 2006/2007 showed that the existing transmission lines in the greater Sacramento area have reached their maximum power transfer limits for serving the area's energy needs, particularly in the northern portion of the greater Sacramento area. Load Serving Entities and utilities in the area have taken interim measures to avoid