

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. RP08-374-000]

Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, LLC; Notice of Technical Conference

June 27, 2008.

The Commission's June 11, 2008, Order in the above-captioned proceeding¹ directed that a technical conference be held to address issues raised by Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, LLC's proposed gas quality and interchangeability specifications.

Take notice that a technical conference will be held on Tuesday, July 15, 2008, at 9:30 a.m., in a room to be designated at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

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 (866) 208-3372 (voice) or (202) 502-8659 (TTY), or send a fax to (202) 208-2106 with the required accommodations.

All interested persons and staff are permitted to attend. For further information please contact David Maranville at (202) 502-6351 or e-mail David.Maranville@ferc.gov.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Western Area Power Administration****Post-2009 Resource Pool—Loveland Area Projects**

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Response to letters of interest and comments on appropriate purposes for the Loveland Area Projects proposed resource pool.

SUMMARY: Western Area Power Administration (Western), a Federal power marketing agency of the Department of Energy, is publishing this response to letters of interest and comments resulting from Western's Notice of Request for Letters of Interest in the **Federal Register** (72 FR 34679),

dated June 25, 2007. The notice provided an opportunity for potential new eligible customers to indicate an interest in receiving an allocation of Federal power, and for the public to comment on appropriate purposes for the Loveland Area Projects (LAP) Post-2009 proposed resource pool. This **Federal Register** notice summarizes the letters of interest and comments received by Western's Rocky Mountain Region (RMR), and Western's plans to proceed with Post-2009 resource pool allocations.

ADDRESSES: Information received in response to the aforementioned **Federal Register** notice (72 FR 34679), dated June 25, 2007, including comments, letters, and other supporting documents made or kept by Western on Post-2009 resource pool allocation procedures, is available for public inspection and copying at the Rocky Mountain Customer Service Region office, Western Area Power Administration, 5555 East Crossroads Boulevard, Loveland, CO 80538-8986.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melanie Reed, Contracts and Energy Services Manager, 970-461-7229, or Susan Steshyn, Public Utilities Specialist, 970-461-7237. Written requests for information should be sent to Rocky Mountain Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, Attn: J6200, P.O. Box 3700, Loveland, CO 80539-3003.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Energy Planning and Management Program (Program) was developed in part to implement section 114 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992. Western published the Final Rule for the Program, 60 FR 54151, on October 20, 1995. The rule became effective on November 20, 1995. Subpart C—Power Marketing Initiative of the Program, Final Rule, 10 CFR part 905, provides for project-specific power resource pools and power allocations from these pools to eligible new preference customers and for other appropriate purposes as determined by Western. In accordance with the Program and the Loveland Area Projects Final Post-1989 Marketing Plan (Post-1989 Marketing Plan), 48 FR 38279, August 23, 1983, up to 1 percent of the existing customers' allocations will be placed in a resource pool from which power allocations to new customers, or for other appropriate purposes as determined by Western, will be made.

On June 25, 2007, Western's RMR published a Notice of Request for Letters of Interest in the **Federal Register** (72 FR 34679) regarding a resource pool of up to 1 percent (not to exceed 7

megawatts) of marketable resource available to new eligible preference customers as of October 1, 2009, and/or other appropriate purposes pursuant to the Program.

Western's RMR received 4 letters from potentially eligible preference customers indicating an interest in receiving an allocation from the proposed resource pool. RMR also received 2 letters commenting on the resource pool allocation policies, procedures, terms and conditions, and uses, including other appropriate purposes. These comments, Western's responses, and Western's decision on allocating the Post-2009 resource pool are summarized below.

Letters of Interest, Comments and Western's Responses

Comment: Western should implement the next resource pool using the same policies and procedures of prior resource pools.

Response: Comment has been considered in determining the Post-2009 resource pool policies and procedures.

Comment: Western should focus on allocations to preference eligible electric utilities in amounts sufficient to be meaningful to the new firm power customers. Providing small allocations to new customers will not offer sufficient benefit to new customers and works a hardship on existing firm power customers whose allocations have been reduced to create the new resource pool.

Response: Historically, Western has marketed allocations of firm power to be apportioned to eligible new preference entities in such a manner as to encourage the most widespread use in accordance with Federal Reclamation Law. Western will use general eligibility and allocation criteria to assess and determine the allocations based on the potential new customer's applicant profile data. Through a previous re-allocation process, these criteria have proven to be fair and significant enough to benefit new customers.

Comment: Western must act within existing laws and regulations in making new allocations. In no event should Western use "appropriate purposes" to attempt to legislate new policy regarding eligibility requirements for receiving Federal firm power allocations.

Response: Comment has been considered in determining the Post-2009 resource pool policies and procedures. Further, no comments were received by RMR suggesting any other appropriate uses for the Post-2009 resource pool other than providing an allocation to new preference customers.

¹ *Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, LLC*, 123 FERC ¶ 61,256 (2008).

Comment: Western should require the identical terms and conditions in new customers' contracts to those of existing firm power customers. If withdrawals are made in the future, reductions should be applied to all firm power contract holders.

Response: All of the RMR's firm electric service contracts provide for future withdrawals according to the Program. New firm electric service customers will be subject to those same terms. Thus, they will be subject to any future withdrawals to create a resource pool under the Program.

Use of the Post-2009 Resource Pool

Based on the letters of interest and the comments noted above, Western has determined the resource pool should be made available to new preference customers only and not for other appropriate purposes. Allocations to new preference customers shall be made in accordance with the Post-1989 Marketing Plan and the Program. Western intends to carry forward the key principles and the general eligibility and allocation criteria established in its Post-2004 Resource Pool procedures. Western will publish a separate **Federal Register** notice identifying the procedures and requesting applications from potential new eligible preference customers. Note that those who have previously expressed an interest in an allocation of LAP Federal power must submit an application to be considered for an allocation.

Review Under the National Environmental Policy Act

Western completed an environmental impact statement on the Program, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). The Record of Decision was published in the **Federal Register** on October 12, 1995 (60 FR 53181). Western will comply with any additional NEPA requirements for this resource pool.

Dated: June 26, 2008.

Timothy J. Meeks,
Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-ORD-2008-0204; FRL-8688-5]

Board of Scientific Counselors, Land Research Program Mid-Cycle Review Meetings—Spring 2008

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, the Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Research and Development (ORD), gives notice of one meeting of the Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) Land Mid-Cycle Subcommittee.

DATES: The meeting (a teleconference call) will be held on Thursday, July 24, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. EDT. The meeting may adjourn early if all business is finished. Requests for the draft agenda or for making oral presentations at the meeting will be accepted up to 1 business day before the meeting.

ADDRESSES: Participation in the conference call will be by teleconference only—meeting rooms will not be used. Members of the public may obtain the call-in number and access code for the call from Heather Drumm, whose contact information is listed under the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice. Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2008-0204, by one of the following methods:

- *http://www.regulations.gov:* Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

- *E-mail:* Send comments by electronic mail (e-mail) to: *ORD.Docket@epa.gov*, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2008-0204.

- *Fax:* Fax comments to: (202) 566-0224, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2008-0204.

- *Mail:* Send comments by mail to: Board of Scientific Counselors, Land Mid-Cycle Subcommittee Meeting—Spring 2008 Docket, Mailcode: 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC, 20460, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2008-0204.

- *Hand Delivery or Courier.* Deliver comments to: EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), Room B102, EPA West Building, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2008-0204.

Note: This is not a mailing address. Such deliveries are only accepted during the docket's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

Instructions: Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2008-0204. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at *http://www.regulations.gov*, including any personal information provided, unless

the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through *http://www.regulations.gov* or e-mail. The *http://www.regulations.gov* Web site is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through *http://www.regulations.gov*, your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses. For additional information about EPA's public docket visit the EPA Docket Center homepage at *http://www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm*.

Docket: All documents in the docket are listed in the *http://www.regulations.gov* index. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, will be publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically in *http://www.regulations.gov* or in hard copy at the Board of Scientific Counselors, Land Mid-Cycle Subcommittee Meeting—Spring 2008 Docket, EPA/DC, EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the ORD Docket is (202) 566-1752.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Designated Federal Officer via mail at: Heather Drumm, Mail Drop 8104-R, Office of Science Policy, Office of Research and Development, Environmental Protection Agency, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington,