

start of the Auction indicating that they want to be considered as a PLUS-LLR and list the State(s) they will service, and (3) commit to making PLUS loans to all eligible new parent borrowers in the State(s) they have indicated until the dependent student graduates or is no longer attending an institution in that State. The Secretary will not identify the PLUS-LLR for a State until after the Auction is completed and only if needed. A prequalified lender that requests to be a PLUS-LLR may still participate as a regular eligible lender in the Auction.

The Secretary is authorized to set a SAP payable to a PLUS-LLR for a State. That SAP will be kept confidential, both before and after the announcement of the winning bidders. To determine the SAP payment to a PLUS-LLR the Secretary will take into account the lowest bid that was submitted in the auction for the State and the lowest bid that was submitted in a similar State in terms of PLUS dollar volume and number of loans.

#### **Additional Auction Program Information**

All eligible Federal PLUS Program loans originated under the Auction Program will be insured by a guaranty agency with which the lender currently has an agreement against losses. The insurance on default claims on these loans will be in an amount equal to 99 percent of the unpaid principal and interest due on the loan.

The Secretary will not collect a loan fee with respect to eligible Federal PLUS Program loans originated under this program.

If the parent borrower with FFEL PLUS loans made under the Auction Program requests to consolidate those loans, the FFEL Program eligible lender who made those loans may consolidate the borrower's Federal PLUS Program loans made under this program into one loan under certain conditions, as described in section 499(L)(i)-(iii) of the HEA. Similarly, an eligible lender with a winning bid may consolidate a Federal Direct PLUS Program loan or a loan made to the parent borrower under section 428B of the HEA under conditions described in section 499(L)(iv)(I) and (II) of the HEA. For Federal Direct PLUS Program loans, the Auction Program eligible lender must agree within 10 days to match the terms and conditions available under the Federal Direct Consolidation Loan Program.

The SAP paid to Auction Program eligible lenders on FFEL Program Consolidation loans is the lesser of the weighted average of the SAP on the

loans consolidated (excluding Federal Direct PLUS Program loans) or the average of the bond equivalent rates of the quotes of the 3-month average commercial paper rate plus 1.59 percent.

An Auction Program lender who consolidates a PLUS Program loan under this program is not required to pay the interest payment rebate fee on the Consolidation loan under Section 428C(f) of the HEA.

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*Delegation of Authority:* The Secretary of Education has delegated authority to Daniel T. Madzellan, Director, Forecasting and Policy Analysis for the Office of Postsecondary Education to perform the functions of the Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

Dated: February 25, 2009.

**Daniel T. Madzellan,**

*Director, Forecasting and Policy Analysis.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

### **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

**[Docket Nos. CP09-66-000; CP09-67-000]**

#### **Northwest Pipeline GP, Parachute Pipeline LLC; Notice of Application**

February 24, 2009.

Take notice that on February 12, 2009, Northwest Pipeline GP (Northwest), 295 Chipeta Way, Salt Lake City, Utah 84108, filed an application in Docket No. CP09-66-000, pursuant to section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations, requesting permission and approval to abandon its certificate authority to operate the Parachute Lateral and

associated facilities. Take further notice that on this same date, Parachute Pipeline LLC, One Williams Center, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74172, filed an application in Docket No. CP09-67-000, pursuant to Rule 207 of the Commission's regulations, requesting a declaratory order disclaiming jurisdiction and declaring certain facilities (The facilities Northwest proposes to abandon in Docket No. CP09-66-000) and services to be exempt from regulation under the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. 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, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding this application, Docket No. CP09-66-000, should be directed to Lynn Dahlberg, Manager, Certificates and Tariffs, Northwest Pipeline GP, PO Box 58900 Salt Lake City, Utah 84158, telephone: (801) 584-6851, Fax: (801) 584-7764, e-mail: [lynn.dahlberg@williams.com](mailto:lynn.dahlberg@williams.com).

Any questions regarding this application, Docket No. CP09-67-000, should be directed to Mari Ramsey, Senior Counsel, The Williams Companies, Inc., One Williams Center 47th floor, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74172, telephone: (918) 573-2611, Fax: (918) 573-4503.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: Complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding; or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS or EA.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date stated below, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 14 copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commentators will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commentators will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commentators will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests

and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an "eSubscription" link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

*Comment Date:* March 17, 2009.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL03-37-011]

#### New England Power Company; Notice of Filing

February 24, 2009.

Take notice that on February 17, 2009, the New England Power Company submitted a compliance filing in accordance with the Commission's Order on Remand dated January 15, 2009.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. On or before the comment date, it is not necessary to serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically

should submit an original and 14 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

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*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on March 10, 2009.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RC09-3-000]

#### North American Electric Reliability Corporation; Northeast Power Coordinating Council, Inc.; Notice of Filing

February 24, 2009.

Take notice that on February 20, 2009, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation and the Northeast Power Coordinating Council, Inc. (NPCC) filed a comprehensive list of Bulk Electric System facilities with the United States portion of the NPCC Region and responses to the set of questions and data requests, pursuant to the Commission's December 18 Order, *North American Electric Reliability Corporation and Northeast Power Coordinating Council, Inc.*, 125 FERC ¶ 61,295 (2008) and January 15, 2009 Order, *North American Electric Reliability Corporation and Northeast Power Coordinating Council, Inc.*, Notice of Extension of Time (Jan. 15, 2009).

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to