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In developing its report entitled, “Data Access and Privacy Issues Related to Smart Grid Technologies,” DOE considered all of the comments and information received during the public comment process, as well as other information pertaining to issues of access to and privacy protections for consumer energy usage data. In this report, DOE discusses the results of DOE’s efforts to collect and analyze diverse perspectives on the current state of data security and consumer privacy issues associated with the ongoing development and deployment of Smart Grid technologies. DOE also reviews and summarizes the public comments received in response to the RFI and during the public meeting that provide support for the recommendations and observations offered in the report.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Notice of Availability of Report on the Communications Requirements of Smart Grid Technologies

**AGENCY:** Office of the General Counsel, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** Through this notice, the Department of Energy (DOE) announces the availability of its report entitled, “Communications Requirements of Smart Grid Technologies.” In this report, DOE sets forth recommendations and observations on current and potential communications requirements of the Smart Grid, as well as the types of networks and communications services that may be used. DOE also provides a comprehensive summary of the comments received in response to a Request for Information and during a public meeting conducted during the preparation of the report. This report responds to recommendations for DOE set forth in the National Broadband Plan authored by the Federal Communications Commission at the direction of Congress.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the report, comments received and the transcript of the public meeting are available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 1G–051, Washington, DC

20585–0121. Public inspection can be conducted between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. These documents can also be accessed online at <http://www.gc.energy.gov/1592.htm>.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On May 11, 2010, DOE published a Request for Information (RFI) seeking comments and information from interested parties to assist DOE in understanding current and future communications needs of the Smart Grid and how they may be met. 75 FR 26206. The RFI sought to collect information and open a dialogue about the communications technologies required to realize the many potential benefits of the Smart Grid, as well as the types of networks and communications services that may be used to meet these requirements. To gather additional data, DOE also published a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing a public meeting to discuss the issues presented in the RFI. 75 FR 33611 (June 14, 2010). The public meeting, held on June 17, 2010, provided another forum in which interested parties could provide comments and information, as well as engage in constructive dialogue with other interested parties.

In developing its report entitled, “Communications Requirements of Smart Grid Technologies,” DOE considered all of the comments and information received during the public comment process, as well as other information pertaining to communications requirements of the Smart Grid. In this report, DOE discusses the results of DOE’s efforts to collect and analyze diverse perspectives on the current and future communications requirements of the Smart Grid.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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#### El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Application

October 4, 2010.

Take notice that on September 28, 2010, El Paso Natural Gas Company (EPNG), P.O. Box 1087, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80944, filed in the above referenced docket an application pursuant to section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157 of the Commission’s regulations, requesting the abandonment in place of EPNG’s Deming Compressor Station located in Luna County, New Mexico and Tucson Compressor Station located in Gila County, Arizona, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing 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 at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (886) 208–3676 or TTY, (202) 502–8659.

Any questions concerning this application may be directed to Susan C. Stires, Director, Regulatory Affairs, El Paso Natural Gas Company, P.O. Box 1087, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80944 at (719) 667–7514 or by fax at (719) 667–7534.

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.