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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP12-480-000]

#### Merit Energy Company; Notice of Petition for Declaratory Order

Take notice that on June 27, 2012, Merit Energy Company (Merit), under Rule 207(a)(2) of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.207(a)(2)(2012) filed a Petition for Declaratory Order, requesting the Commission declare that Merit's proposed pipeline, which will consist of one new 4-mile segment and one existing 10-mile segment, is a non-jurisdictional plant inlet pipeline, integrally and solely related to the non-jurisdictional processing activity at the Painter Plant.

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 July 27, 2012.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD12-12-000]

#### Coordination Between Natural Gas and Electricity Markets; Notice of Technical Conferences

Take notice that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) staff will hold regional technical conferences on Coordination between Natural Gas and Electricity Markets. The regional technical conferences will be held on the following dates and in the following cities:<sup>1</sup>

Central<sup>2</sup>—August 6, 2012, St. Louis, MO

Northeast<sup>3</sup>—August 20, 2012, Boston, MA

<sup>1</sup> We recognize that due to the long lines of some of the interstate pipelines, natural gas pipeline infrastructure may not neatly fit into these divisions, but find these divisions reasonable for discussing gas-electric coordination issues.

<sup>2</sup> For purposes of these conferences, the Central region is largely defined by the corporate boundaries of the organized wholesale electric markets of Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator Inc. (MISO), Southwest Power Pool, Inc. (SPP) and Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT). While we recognize we do not have Federal Power Act jurisdiction over the rates or terms of service in wholesale electricity markets doing business wholly within the state of Texas in ERCOT events in Texas affect, and are affected by, gas-electric coordination issues in other geographic areas and opening these discussions to all participants will permit a broader and more inclusive examination of all the relevant issues.

<sup>3</sup> ISO New England, Inc. (ISO-NE).

Southeast<sup>4</sup>—August 23, 2012,

Washington, DC (FERC HQ)  
West<sup>5</sup>—August 28, 2012, Portland, OR  
Mid-Atlantic<sup>6</sup>—August 30, 2012,  
Washington, DC (FERC HQ)

The regional technical conferences will be open for the public to attend. Commission members will participate in the conferences.

On February 15, 2012, in the above-mentioned docket, a notice was issued requesting comments regarding gas-electric interdependence. The commenters raised a wide variety of issues regarding gas-electric interdependence. Many of the commenters asserted that those issues differed on a regional basis. The regional technical conferences will discuss the various aspects of gas-electric interdependence and coordination, as well as ways to improve communication and coordination between the two industries.

Each conference will be organized as a roundtable discussion of the following topics: (1) Communications/coordination/information sharing; (2) scheduling; (3) market structures and rules; and (4) reliability concerns. Time permitting, comments or questions from those attending the conference, but not participating in the roundtable, will be permitted. Subsequent notices will be issued specifying the time, venue, and agenda for each conference.

Those interested in attending a conference are encouraged to register by close of business, July 19, 2012. You may register at the following Web page: <http://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/nat-gas-elec-mkts-form.asp>. Those also interested in participating in a roundtable should notify the Commission by close of business on the same day by completing an online form identifying at which conference they wish to participate: <http://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/nat-gas-elec-mkts-speaker-form.asp>. Due to time and seating constraints, we may not be able to accommodate all those interested in participating in the roundtables.

Information on the conferences will also be posted on the Web site <http://www.ferc.gov/industries/electric/industry-act/electric-coord.asp>, as well as the Calendar of Events on the Commission's Web site, <http://www.ferc.gov>, prior to the conferences.

Commission conferences are accessible under section 508 of the

<sup>4</sup> Southern Company, Duke and Progress Energy, TVA, and other areas south of PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. (PJM) and East of SPP and ERCOT.

<sup>5</sup> The Western Interconnection.

<sup>6</sup> New York Independent System Operator Inc. (NYISO), PJM and related areas.