

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****Combined Notice of Filings**

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

Filings Instituting Proceedings

Docket Numbers: RP12-789-000.

Applicants: Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C.

Description: Petition for Waiver of Tariff Provision of Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C.

Filed Date: 6/5/12.

Accession Number: 20120605-5025.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 7/12/12.

Docket Numbers: RP12-852-000.

Applicants: MIGC LLC.

Description: MIGC LLC Fuel Filing to be effective 8/1/2012.

Filed Date: 7/2/12.

Accession Number: 20120702-5338.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 7/16/12.

Any person desiring to intervene or protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.

Filings in Existing Proceedings

Docket Numbers: RP12-295-001.

Applicants: Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P.

Description: 07/03/12—Allocations and Curtailment Conditions to be effective 7/6/2012.

Filed Date: 7/3/12.

Accession Number: 20120703-5168.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 7/16/12.

Any person desiring to protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rule 211 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the links or querying the docket number.

eFiling is encouraged. More detailed information relating to filing requirements, interventions, protests, and service can be found at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/filing-req.pdf>. For other information, call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Dated: July 5, 2012.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****Notice of Commission Staff Attendance**

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission hereby gives notice that members of the Commission's staff may attend the following meeting related to the transmission planning activities of New York Independent System Operator, Inc.:

Joint Inter-Regional Planning Task Force/Electric System Planning Working Group

July 18, 2012, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Local Time.

Inter-area Planning Stakeholder Advisory Committee

August 27, 2012, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Local Time (teleconference only).

The above-referenced Joint Inter-Regional Planning Task Force/Electric System Planning Working Group meeting will be held at: NYISO's offices, Rensselaer, NY.

The above-referenced Inter-area Planning Stakeholder Advisory Committee meeting will be held via teleconference.

The above-referenced meetings are open to stakeholders.

Further information may be found at www.nyiso.com.

The discussions at the meetings described above may address matters at issue in the following proceedings:

Docket No. ER08-1281, *New York Independent System Operator, Inc.*

For more information, contact James Eason, Office of Energy Market Regulation, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at (202) 502-8622 or James.Eason@ferc.gov.

Dated: July 5, 2012.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. EL12-83-000]

Californians for Renewable Energy, Inc., Michael E. Boyd, Robert M. Sarvey, v. Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities, Massachusetts Electric Company, Nantucket Electric Company, Cape Wind Associates, LLC; Notice of Petition for Enforcement and Complaint

Take notice that on July 1, 2012, pursuant to section 210(h)(2) of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA), Californians for Renewable Energy, Inc., Michael E. Boyd, and Robert M. Sarvey (collectively Petitioner) filed a Petition for Enforcement requesting the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) exercise its authority and initiate enforcement action against the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities, Massachusetts Electric Company, Nantucket Electric Company, and Cape Wind Associates, LLC (collectively Respondent) to ensure that PURPA regulations are properly and lawfully implemented by Respondent.

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. The Respondent's answer and all interventions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. The Respondent's answer, motions to intervene, and protests must be served on the Complainants.

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.

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 email notification when a

document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on July 23, 2012.

Dated: July 5, 2012.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP12-471-000]

Northwest Pipeline GP; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed South Seattle Delivery Lateral Expansion Project, Request for Comments on Environmental Issues, and Notice of Public Scoping Meeting

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 South Seattle Delivery Lateral Expansion Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Northwest Pipeline GP (Northwest) in King County, Washington. The Commission will use this EA 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 the Commission staff determine what issues they need to evaluate in the EA. Please note that the scoping period will close on August 6, 2012.

You may submit comments in written form or verbally. Further details on how to submit written comments are in the Public Participation section of this notice. In lieu of or in addition to sending written comments, the Commission invites you to attend the public scoping meeting scheduled as follows:

FERC Public Scoping Meeting, South Seattle Delivery Lateral Expansion Project, July 30, 2012 at 7:00 p.m., Hilton Garden Inn Seattle/Renton, 1801 East Valley Road, Renton, WA 98057.

This notice is being sent to the Commission's current environmental

mailing list for this project. State and local government representatives should notify their constituents of this proposed project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, a pipeline company representative may contact you about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the Commission approves the project, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings where compensation would be determined in accordance with state law.

Northwest provided landowners with a fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility on My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" This fact sheet addresses a number of typically-asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings. It is also available for viewing on the FERC Web site (www.ferc.gov).

Summary of the Proposed Project

Northwest proposes to upgrade 4.0 miles of natural gas pipeline from 10- to 16-inch-diameter in King County, Washington. Northwest proposes to remove the existing 10-inch-diameter segment and replace it with the 16-inch-diameter pipeline in the same ditch. However, at the existing Cedar River crossing it would abandon in place an 800-foot-long segment and install the new pipeline 50 feet offset from the abandoned segment. In addition, Northwest proposes to remove a pig¹ launcher, install two new pig launchers and one pig receiver, and upgrade miscellaneous aboveground facilities. The project would provide about 74,850 dekatherms of natural gas per day to meet demand in the south Seattle market area.

The general location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.²

¹ A "pig" is a tool that the pipeline company inserts into and pushes through the pipeline for cleaning the pipeline, conducting internal inspections, or other purposes.

² The appendices referenced in this notice will not appear in the **Federal Register**. Copies of appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail and are available at www.ferc.gov using the link called "eLibrary" 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 last page of this notice.

Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would disturb about 76 acres of land; 96 percent of the disturbed area would be within Northwest's existing right-of-way. Following construction, Northwest would utilize its existing right-of-way for permanent operation of the project's facilities. It would however, need to acquire 4.0 acres of new right-of-way for operation of the aboveground facilities and the pipeline associated with the Cedar River crossing.

The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us³ 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, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues to address in the EA. We will consider all filed comments during the preparation of the EA.

In the EA we 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;
 - Water resources, fisheries, and wetlands;
 - Cultural resources;
 - Vegetation and wildlife;
 - Air quality and noise;
 - Endangered and threatened species;
- and
- Public safety.

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

The EA will present our independent analysis of the issues. The EA will be available in the public record through eLibrary. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, we may also publish and distribute the EA to the public for an allotted comment period. We will consider all comments on the EA before making our recommendations to the Commission. To ensure we have the opportunity to

³ "We," "us," and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the Commission's Office of Energy Projects.