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**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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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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Secretary.

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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/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.

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For more information about the regional technical conferences, please contact:

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**Kimberly D. Bose,**

Secretary.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### Farm, Ranch, and Rural Communities Committee

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, EPA gives notice of a teleconference meeting of the Farm, Ranch, and Rural Communities Committee (FRRCC). The FRRCC is a policy-oriented committee that provides policy advice, information, and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on a range of environmental issues and policies that are of importance to agriculture and rural communities.

The purpose of this teleconference is to discuss specific topics of relevance for consideration by the Committee in order to provide advice and insights to the Agency on environmental policies and programs that affect and engage agriculture and rural communities.

**DATES:** The Farm, Ranch, and Rural Communities Committee will hold a public teleconference on Wednesday, August 1, 2012, from 1:00 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Alicia Kaiser, Designated Federal Officer, [kaiser.alicia@epa.gov](mailto:kaiser.alicia@epa.gov), 202-564-7273, U.S. EPA, Office of the Administrator (1101A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Members of the public wishing to gain access to the teleconference, make brief oral comments, or provide a written statement to the FRRCC must contact Alicia Kaiser, Designated Federal Officer, at [kaiser.alicia@epa.gov](mailto:kaiser.alicia@epa.gov) or 202-564-7273 by July 27, 2012.

**Meeting Access:** For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities or to request accommodations please contact Alicia Kaiser at [kaiser.alicia@epa.gov](mailto:kaiser.alicia@epa.gov) or 202-564-7273, preferably at least 10 days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated: July 3, 2012.

**Alicia Kaiser,**

Designated Federal Officer.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9699-7]

### Notification of Public Teleconferences of the Science Advisory Board Animal Feeding Operations Emission Review Panel

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces two public teleconferences of the SAB Animal Feeding Operations Emission Review Panel (AFO Panel) to discuss additional EPA data and the Panel's draft advisory report regarding EPA draft methodologies for estimating emissions from animal feeding operations.

**DATES:** The SAB AFO Panel public teleconference will be held on August 13, 2012, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time). The follow-up public teleconference of the SAB AFO Panel will be held on October 24, 2012, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time).

**ADDRESSES:** The public teleconferences will be conducted by telephone only.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public wishing further information regarding the public teleconferences may contact Mr. Edward Hanlon, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), SAB Staff Office, by telephone/voice mail at (202) 564-2134 or via email at [hanlon.edward@epa.gov](mailto:hanlon.edward@epa.gov). General information concerning the EPA Science Advisory Board can be found at

the EPA SAB Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Background:** The SAB was established pursuant to the Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act (ERDA) codified at 42 U.S.C. 4365, to provide independent scientific and technical peer review, advice, consultation and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on the technical basis for EPA actions. As a Federal Advisory Committee, the SAB conducts business in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C. App. 2) and related regulations. Pursuant to FACA and EPA policy, notice is hereby given that the SAB AFO Panel will hold a public teleconference to review additional data and a public teleconference to discuss the Panel's draft advisory report regarding the EPA documents, "Draft—Development of Emissions Estimating Methodologies for Broiler Animal Feeding Operations" and "Draft—Development of Emissions Estimating Methodologies for Lagoons and Basins at Swine and Dairy Animal Feeding Operations" (February 2012 draft). The SAB Panel will provide advice through the chartered SAB and will comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies.

Background information about this SAB review can be found on the SAB Web site at: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabproduct.nsf/0/AE6639DD6B79360E852579A4004E5529?OpenDocument>. The SAB AFO Panel previously held a public meeting on March 14, 15 and 16, 2012 to discuss its review comments on the EPA Animal Feeding Operations emissions documents.

**Technical Contacts:** For technical questions and information concerning EPA's air emission estimating methodologies for animal feeding operations, please contact Mr. Larry Elmore of EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards by phone at (919) 541-5433, or via email at [elmore.larry@epa.gov](mailto:elmore.larry@epa.gov).

**Availability of the Review Materials:** The agenda and material in support of these teleconference calls will be accessible through the calendar link on the blue navigation bar at <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

**Procedures for Providing Public Input:** Public comment for consideration by EPA's federal advisory committees and panels has a different purpose from public comment provided to EPA program offices. Therefore, the process for submitting comments to a federal