

issues that arises in the development and implementation of the Biological and Environmental Research Program.

Tentative Agenda Topics

- Report from the Under Secretary for Science and Energy
- Report from the Office of Science
- Report from the Office of Biological and Environmental Research
- News from the Biological Systems Science and Climate and Environmental Sciences Divisions
- Report on the Biological Systems Science Division Strategic Plan
- Briefings on the Industrialization of Biology and the Advanced Research Projects Agency—Energy (ARPA-E)
- Environmental Molecular Sciences Laboratory update
- Integrated Field Laboratory workshop report and discussion
- Science Talk
- New Business
- Public Comment

Public Participation: The day and a half meeting is open to the public. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, you should contact Sharlene Weatherwax at: sharlene.weatherwax@science.doe.gov (email) or (301) 903-5051 (fax). You must make your request for an oral statement at least five business days before the meeting. Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The Chairperson of the Committee will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Public comment will follow the 10-minute rule.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying within 45 days at the BERAC Web site: <http://science.energy.gov/ber/berac/meetings/berac-minutes/>.

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LaTanya R. Butler,

Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

State Energy Advisory Board (STEAB)

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Open Teleconference.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a teleconference call of the State Energy Advisory Board (STEAB). The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 86 Stat.770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Thursday, November 19, 2015 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (EDT). To receive the call-in number and passcode, please contact the Board's Designated Federal Officer at the address or phone number listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Li, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20585. Phone number 202-287-5718, and email: michael.li@ee.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: To make recommendations to the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy regarding goals and objectives, programmatic and administrative policies, and to otherwise carry out the Board's responsibilities as designated in the State Energy Efficiency Programs Improvement Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-440).

Tentative Agenda: Receive STEAB Task Force updates on action items and revised objectives for FY 2016, discuss follow-up opportunities and engagement with EERE and other DOE staff as needed to keep Task Force work moving forward, continue engagement with DOE, EERE and EPSA staff regarding energy efficiency and renewable energy projects and initiatives, and receive updates on member activities within their states.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Michael Li at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests to make oral comments must be received five days prior to the meeting; reasonable provision will be made to include requested topic(s) on the agenda. The Chair of the Board is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting will be available for public review and copying within 60 days on the STEAB Web site at: <http://www.energy.gov/eere/steab/state-energy-advisory-board>.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application

	Docket Nos.
Atlantic Coast Pipeline, LLC	CP15-554-000
	PF15-6-000
Dominion Transmission, Inc	CP15-555-000
	PF15-5-000
Atlantic Coast Pipeline, LLC and Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc	CP15-556-000

Take notice that on September 18, 2015, Atlantic Coast Pipeline, LLC (ACP), 120 Tredgar Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219 filed an application under section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations requesting authorization to install, construct, own, operate and maintain certain natural gas pipeline

facilities for its Atlantic Coast Pipeline project consisting of: (i) Approximately 564.1 miles of various diameter pipeline; (ii) three greenfield compressor stations totaling 117,545 horsepower (HP) of compression; and (iii) various appurtenant and auxiliary facilities designed to transport up to approximately 1.5 million dekatherms

per day (MMDth/d) of natural gas. Facilities to be constructed are located in Harrison, Lewis, Upshur, Randolph, and Pocahontas Counties, West Virginia; Highland, Augusta, Nelson, Buckingham, Cumberland, Prince Edward, Nottoway, Dinwiddie, Brunswick, Greenville and Southampton Counties and the Cities of

Suffolk and Chesapeake, Virginia; and Northampton, Halifax, Nash, Wilson, Johnston, Sampson, Cumberland and Robeson Counties, North Carolina. Additionally, ACP is seeking Blanket Certificates of public convenience and necessity pursuant to Part 284, Subpart G authorizing the transportation of natural gas for others, and Part 157, Subpart F authorizing certain facility construction, operation and abandonment activities, all as more fully described in the application.

In a related filing, on September 18, 2015, Dominion Transmission, Inc. (DTI), 707 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, filed under sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations requesting authorization to abandon, install, construct, own, operate and maintain certain natural gas pipeline facilities for its Supply Header Project (Supply Header) located in Westmoreland and Greene Counties, Pennsylvania; and Harrison, Doddridge, Tyler, Wetzel, and Marshall Counties, West Virginia. The Supply Header would provide transportation service of approximately 1.5 MMDth/d from supply areas on the DTI system for delivery to the ACP. The Supply Header facilities would consist of: (i) Two pipeline loops of 30-inch diameter pipeline totaling 37.5 miles; ii) added compression at three existing compressor stations totaling 70,530 HP; and iii) various appurtenant and auxiliary facilities. DTI also proposes to abandon two compressor units in Wetzel County, West Virginia, all as more fully described in the application.

Finally, on September 18, 2015, ACP and Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (Piedmont), 4720 Piedmont Row Drive, Charlotte, North Carolina 28210, filed a joint application under section 7(c) of the NGA and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations seeking authorization of a lease pursuant to which ACP will lease capacity (Lease) on Piedmont's system for use by ACP in providing service under its FERC Gas Tariff, primarily for the Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc. Piedmont, a local distribution company (LDC), also requests a limited jurisdiction certificate in order to enter into the Lease with ACP for the interstate transportation of gas through Piedmont's facilities. Piedmont also requests a determination that the Lease will not affect its status and a LDC not otherwise subject to Commission regulation, all as more fully described in the application.

The filings 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 at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding ACP's or DTI's projects should be directed to Angela Woolard, Gas Transmission Certificates, Dominion Transmission, Inc., 701 East Cary Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219; telephone: 866-319-3382.

Any questions regarding the ACP—Piedmont Lease should be directed to Matthew Bley, Director, Gas Transmission Certificates, Dominion Transmission, Inc., 701 East Cary Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219; telephone: 866-319-3382.

On November 13, 2014, the Commission staff granted ACP's and DTI's requests to utilize the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Pre-Filing Process and assigned Docket Nos. PF15-6-000 and PF15-5-000, respectively to staff activities involving the combined Atlantic Coast Pipeline and Supply Header projects. Now, as of the filing of the applications on September 18, 2015, the NEPA Pre-Filing Process for this project has ended. From this time forward, this proceeding will be conducted in Docket No. CP15-554-000 for the Atlantic Coast Pipeline and CP15-555-000 for DTI's Supply Header project, as noted in the caption of this Notice.

Within 90 days after the Commission issues a Notice of Application for the ACP, Supply Header and ACP—Piedmont Lease projects, the Commission staff will issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review that will indicate the anticipated date for the Commission's staff issuance of the final EIS analyzing both the three proposals. The issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will also 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 final EIS.

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 7 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 commenters 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 commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commenters 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 5 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on October 23, 2015.

Dated: October 2, 2015.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 4580-006]

PacifiCorp; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing, Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Types of Application:* Amendment of Exemption.

b. *Project Nos.:* 4580-006.

c. *Date Filed:* September 21, 2015.

d. *Applicant:* PacifiCorp.

e. *Name of Projects:* Last Chance Canal Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* The project is located at the Last Chance Canal, a diversion from the Bear River in Caribou County, Idaho.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791a-825r.

h. *Applicant Contact:* Roger L. Raeburn, Chief Dam Safety Engineer, PacifiCorp, 825 NE. Multnomah Street, Suite 1500, Portland, OR 97232; (503) 813-6667 or roger.raeburn@pacificorp.com.

i. *FERC Contact:* B. Peter Yarrington, (202) 502-6129 or peter.yarrington@ferc.gov.

j. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests is 15 days from the issuance date of this notice by the Commission. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file motions to intervene, protests, or comments using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. Please include the project number (P-

4580-006) on any comments, motions to intervene, or protests filed.

k. *Description of Request:* The applicant proposes to replace the project's wood-crib diversion dam, and parts of the canal intake structure. An engineering inspection in April 2015 found significant deterioration of the diversion dam, which is over 100 years old, in addition to seepage where the intake structure meets the dam. The existing diversion dam would be replaced with a new structure of reinforced concrete and roller-compacted concrete. The work would not result in any changes to dam height, dam width, associated water levels, or project operation.

l. *Locations of the Application:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371. This filing may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 1 (866) 208-3676 or email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene:* Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

o. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents:* Any filing must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE" as applicable; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the

project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). All comments, motions to intervene, or protests should relate to project works which are the subject of the amendment application. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application. If an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

Dated: October 2, 2015.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 77-276]

Pacific Gas and Electric Company; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing, Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Type of Application:* Application for Temporary Variance of Minimum Flow Requirement.

b. *Project No.:* 77-276.

c. *Date Filed:* September 30, 2015.

d. *Applicant:* Pacific Gas and Electric Company (licensee).

e. *Name of Project:* Potter Valley Project.

f. *Location:* Eel River and East Fork Russian River in Lake and Mendocino Counties, California.