commerce; (ii) pre-granted abandonment authorization pursuant to section 7(b) of the NGA to dismantle and abandon the Project's proposed temporary West Peetz Compressor Station upon the in-service date of the permanent process facility; (iii) a blanket certificate pursuant to Part 284, Subpart G that will permit East Cheyenne to provide open-access firm and interruptible storage services on behalf of others in interstate commerce with pre-granted abandonment of such services; (iv) a blanket certificate pursuant to Part 157, Subpart F that will permit East Cheyenne to construct, acquire, operate, rearrange, and abandon certain facilities following construction of the proposed Project; (v) authorization to provide the proposed storage services at market-based rates; (vi) approval of the pro forma FERC Gas Tariff, under which East Cheyenne will provide open access storage services in interstate commerce; and (vii) waiver of the requirements of some of the Commission's regulations.

Any questions concerning this application may be directed to James F. Bowe, Jr., Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP, 1101 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20005–4213, at (202) 346–8000.

On May 13, 2009 the Commission staff granted East Cheyenne's request to utilize the Pre-Filing Process and assigned Docket No. PF09–12–000 to staff activities involved in the Project. Now as of the filing of the December 18, 2009 application, the Pre-Filing Process for this project has ended. From this time forward, this proceeding will be conducted in Docket No. CP10–34–000, as noted in the caption of this Notice.

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.

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 14 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 commentors 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 commentors will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commentors 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 14 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible online 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 e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov*, or call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

Comment Date: January 27, 2010.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP10–33–000]

CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Application

January 6, 2010.

Take notice that on December 18, 2009, CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company (CEGT), 1111 Louisiana Street, Houston, Texas 77002–5231, filed with the Commission an application under Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to abandon by sale to ScissorTail Energy, LLC (ScissorTail) CEGT's Shawnee Compressor Station facilities and dehydrator located in Pittsburg County, Oklahoma. In conjunction with the abandonment, CEGT seeks determination that the facilities, once conveyed to ScissorTail, will be gathering facilities exempt from the Commission's jurisdiction under NGA section 1(b). This 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* or call toll-free, (886) 208–3676 or TTY, (202) 502–8659.

Any questions regarding the petition should be directed to B. Michelle Willis, Manager—Regulatory & Compliance, CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company, P.O. Box 21734, Shreveport, Louisiana 71151 at (318) 429–3708.

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 14 copies of filings made in the proceeding with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party. 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.

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

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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 12777–001]

Maine Maritime Academy; Notice of Declaration of Intention and Petition for Relief Filing and Soliciting Comments

January 6, 2010.

Take notice that the following declaration of intention and petition for relief from the requirements of hydropower licensing has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Filing:* Declaration of Intention and Petition for Relief.

b. *Project No.:* 12777–001.

c. *Date Filed:* October 28, 2009.

d. *Applicant:* Maine Maritime Academy.

e. *Name of Project:* Bagaduce River Tidal Energy Project.

f. *Location:* In the Bagaduce River and Estuary, in Hancock County, Maine. The project would not occupy federal lands.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR Part 24, Section 24.1.

h. *Applicant Contact:* Richard S. Armstrong, Executive Director, Tidal Energy Demonstration and Evaluation Center, Capt. Quick Hall, Maine Maritime Academy, Castine, ME 04420 (207) 326–2186.

i. *FERC Contact:* Tom Dean at (202) 502–6041.

j. *Deadline for filing comments:* 30 days from the issuance date of this notice.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, 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.

Comments may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (*http://www.ferc.gov*) under the "eFiling" link.

k. *Description of Project:* The Maine Maritime Academy (Academy) intends to deploy and test for short periods, for study purposes, hydrokinetic devices that would be located at sites located in Bagaduce Narrows and Castine Harbor. The experimental hydrokinetic devices could include: (1) 4.9-foot-diameter, 19.7-foot-long 4 kilowatt (kW) Cross Flow Darrius style rotors; (2) 13.1-foot-diameter, 3.3-foot-high 4 kW Cross Flow Savonius type rotors; and (3) 13.1-foot-diameter, 3.3-foot-long 6 kW Axial Flow turbines with an average capacity up to 1.5 kW. The devices would be mounted to floats attached to a concrete superstructure, concrete or stone blocks, and other gravity based weighted frameworks connected to research vessels, small launches or barges. The hydrokinetic devices would convert mechanical power from the tidal currents and the rise and fall of the tides in Bagaduce Narrows and Castine Harbor into electrical power without constructing a dam, reservoir, penstock, or powerhouse.

l. *Petition for Declaration of Intention:* The Academy asks that it be allowed, without a license under Part I of the Federal Power Act, to deploy, test, and study the type of facilities listed above, and use the power from the test devices to heat water or charge 3 or 4 batteries which could sustain a charge and power a 12/24/32 volt array of instruments and lights aboard research vessels or small barges. The Academy would initially test the hydrokinetic devices for 12 to 14 hours during tidal cycles, and once the initial tests were completed, would continue to test the devices for durability for up to five weeks. The deployment would provide educational experience for students to develop skills in deploying, retrieving, maintaining, and repairing hydrokinetic devices.

m. A copy of the application 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 Online Support at *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov* or toll-free at 1–866–208–3676, or for TTY,