Commission's Web site at *http://www.ferc.gov* under the "e-Filing" link.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP10–43–000]

High Island Offshore System, L.L.C.; Notice of Application

January 21, 2010.

Take notice that on January 12, 2010, High Island Offshore System, L.L.C. (HIOS), 1100 Louisiana St., Houston, Texas 77002, filed in Docket No. CP10–43–000, an application pursuant to section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations, requesting authorization to abandon by removal three compressor units and related facilities consisting of 54,200 horsepower on a platform at High Island Area Block 264, located offshore Texas, thereby reducing system capacity to 350 MMcf per day, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may also 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, call (866) 208–3676 or TTY, (202) 502–8659.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Jeff Molinaro, High Island Offshore System, L.L.C., 1100 Louisiana St., Houston, Texas 77002, or (telephone) 713–381–2526, or *JMolinaro@epco.com,* or (FAX) 713–803–2534.

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 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.

Motions to intervene, protests and comments may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper; see, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

Comment Date: February 11, 2010.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Commission Staff Attendance at North American Electric Reliability Corporation Meetings From January–June 2010

January 21, 2010.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission hereby gives notice that members of the Commission and Commission staff may attend the following NERC related meetings:

- NERC Planning Committee Meetings and its sub-committee meetings.
  - Tuesday—Wednesday, March 16–17, 2010 (TBD).
  - Tuesday—Wednesday, June 15–16, 2010 (TBD).
- NERC Operating Committee Meetings and its sub-committee meetings.
  - Tuesday—Wednesday, March 16–17, 2010 (TBD).
  - Tuesday—Wednesday, June 15–16, 2010 (TBD).
- NERC Standards Committee Meetings and its sub-committee meetings.
  - Wednesday—Thursday, January 13–14, 2010 Phoenix, AZ (2).
  - Thursday, February 11, 2010 Teleconference (1).
  - Thursday, March 11, 2010 Teleconference (1).
  - Wednesday–Thursday, April 14–15, 2010 Tampa, FL (TBD).
  - Thursday, May 13, 2010 Teleconference (1).
  - Thursday, June 10, 2010 Teleconference (1).
- NERC Member Representative Committee Meetings and its sub-committee meetings.
  - TBD.

• NERC Board of Trustees Meetings and its sub-committee meetings.

○ Monday, February 15, 2010 Phoenix, AZ (3).

○ Tuesday—Wednesday, May 11–12, 2010 Baltimore, MD (4).

• NERC Finance and Audit Committee Meetings.

○ TBD.

• Critical Infrastructure Protection Committee Quarterly Meetings and its sub-committee meetings.

○ Wednesday—Thursday, March 17–18, 2010 (TBD).

○ Wednesday—Thursday, June 16–17, 2010 (TBD).

The meetings will be held at the following locations:

1. North American Electric Reliability Corporation, 866–740–1260.

2. Hilton Phoenix Airport, 2435 S. 47th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85034, 480–894–1600.

3. Arizona Grand Resort, 800 South Arizona Grand Parkway, Phoenix, AZ 85044, 602–438–9000.

4. Hyatt Regency Baltimore on the Inner Harbor, 300 Light Street, Baltimore, MD 21202, 410–605–2854.

Further information may be found at *http://www.nerc.com.*

The above-referenced meetings are open to the public.

For more information, contact Mary Agnes Nimis, Office of Electric Reliability, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at (202) 502–8235 or *maryagnes.nimis@ferc.gov* or Nicholas Snyder, Office of Electric Reliability, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at (202) 502–6408 or *nicholas.snyder@ferc.gov.*

Kimberly D. Bose,

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2225–013—Washington]

Pend Oreille County Public Utility District; Notice of Designation of Commission Staff as Non-Decisional

January 21, 2010.

Commission staff member James Hastreiter (Office of Energy Projects, 503–552–2760; *james.hastreiter@ferc.gov*) is hereby designated as "non-decisional" staff and assigned to participate in settlement discussions and provide guidance on the Commission's policies and authorities for the surrender of the Sullivan Creek Project No. 2225 in the above-referenced proceeding.

As "non-decisional" staff, Mr. Hastreiter will not participate in an advisory capacity in the Commission's review of any offer of settlement or settlement agreement, or deliberations concerning the disposition of the surrender application.

Different Commission "advisory staff" will be assigned to review any offer of settlement or settlement agreement, and to process the surrender application, including providing advice to the Commission with respect to the agreement and the application. Non-decisional staff and advisory staff are prohibited from communicating with one another concerning the merits of the settlement and the relicense application.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

[Docket Number EERE–BT–PET–0024]

Energy Efficiency Program for Consumer Products: Commonwealth of Massachusetts Petition for Exemption From Federal Preemption of Massachusetts' Energy Efficiency Standard for Residential Non-Weatherized Gas Furnaces

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

ACTION: Notice of Petition for Exemption.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) announces the filing of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Petition for Exemption from Federal Preemption of Massachusetts' 90% Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency Standard for Non-weatherized Gas Furnaces (hereafter "Massachusetts Petition" or "Petition"'). To help DOE evaluate the merits of the Massachusetts Petition, DOE invites interested members of the public to submit comments they might have on the Massachusetts Petition and information related to the evaluation factors outlined in the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (EPCA or "the Act").

DATES: DOE will accept written comments, data, and information regarding the Massachusetts Petition until, but no later than March 29, 2010.

ADDRESSES: A document entitled "Massachusetts Petition for Exemption from Preemption" is available for review on the Internet at *http://www1.eere.energy.gov/buildings/appliance—standards/state—petitions.html* or from Ms. Brenda Edwards-Jones, U.S. Department of Energy, Building Technologies Program, EE–2J, Room 1J–018, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585–0121, or by telephone (202) 586–2945. Please submit comments, identified by docket number EERE–BT–PET–0024 by any of the following methods:

1. *Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov.* Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

2. *E-mail: MAExemptPetition@ee.doe.gov.* Include either the docket number EERE–BT–PET–0024, and/or "Massachusetts Petition" in the subject line of the message.

3. *Mail:* Ms. Brenda Edwards-Jones, U.S. Department of Energy, Building Technologies Program, Mailstop EE–2J, Room 1J–018, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585–0121. Please submit one signed original paper copy.

4. *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Ms. Brenda Edwards-Jones, U.S. Department of Energy, Building Technologies Program, Room 1J–018, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585–0121.

5. *Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number for this proceeding. For detailed instructions on submitting comments and additional information on the proceeding, see section II. C of this document (Submission of Comments).

Docket: For access to the docket to read the background documents relevant to this matter, go to the U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 1J–018 (Resource Room of the Building Technologies Program), 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, (202) 586–2945, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Available documents include the following items: The Massachusetts Petition; correspondence from Massachusetts, correspondence from DOE, and any comments received. Please call Ms. Brenda Edwards-Jones at the above telephone number for additional information regarding visiting the Resource Room.

Please note: DOE's Freedom of Information Reading Room (formerly Room 1E–190 at the Forrestal Building) is no longer housing rulemaking