on paper, and then saving the file on your computer's hard drive. You will attach that file to your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on the links called *"Sign up"* or *"eRegister"*. You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making. A comment on a particular project is considered a *"Comment on a Filing"*; or (3) You may file a paper copy of your

(3) You may file a paper copy of your comments at the following address: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

## **Environmental Mailing List**

The environmental mailing list includes Federal, State, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American Tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. This list also includes all affected landowners who own land within certain distances of aboveground facilities, and anyone who submits comments on the Project. We will update the environmental mailing list as the analysis proceeds to ensure that we send the information related to this environmental review to all individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the proposed Project.

If the EA is published for distribution, copies will be sent to the environmental mailing list for public review and comment. If you would prefer to receive a paper copy of the document instead of the CD version or would like to remove your name from the mailing list, please return the attached Information Request (Appendix 2).

## **Becoming an Intervenor**

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an "intervenor," which is an official party to the Commission's proceeding. Intervenors play a more formal role in the process and are able to file briefs, appear at hearings, and be heard by the courts if they choose to appeal the Commission's final ruling. An intervenor formally participates in the proceeding by filing a request to intervene. Instructions for becoming an intervenor are included in the User's Guide under the "e-filing" link on the Commission's Web site.

## **Additional Information**

Additional information about the Project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (866) 208–FERC, or on the FERC Web site at *http://www.ferc.gov* using the "eLibrary" link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search" and enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field (*i.e.*, CP10–65). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at *FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov* or toll free at (866) 208–3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502–8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission now offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries and direct links to the documents. Go to http:// www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm.

Finally, public meetings or site visits will be posted on the Commission's calendar located at *http://www.ferc.gov/ EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx* along with other related information.

## Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP10-337-000]

## Wyoming Interstate Company, Inc.; Notice of Technical Conference

March 10, 2010.

Take notice that Commission Staff will convene a technical conference in the above-referenced proceeding on Wednesday, March 24, 2010, at 9 a.m. (EST), in a room to be designated at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The purpose of the conference is to address all issues arising from Wyoming Interstate Company's (WIC's) January 28, 2010 tariff filing. That filing was intended to revise the gas quality allocation procedures that WIC may implement when differing carbon dioxide or Btu standards on downstream pipelines cause these downstream pipelines to restrict or cease receipts into their pipeline systems to enforce their own gas quality specifications.

WIC should be prepared to address all concerns raised by the parties in their comments to the filing, and to provide additional technical, engineering, and operational support for its proposed gas quality allocation procedures. Consistent with the Commission's policy statement on gas quality issues, WIC should also be prepared to explain how its proposal conforms with or differs from the Interim Guidelines and principles. See Natural Gas Interchangeability, Policy Statement on Provisions Governing Natural Gas Quality and Interchangeability in Interstate Natural Gas Pipeline Company Tariffs, 115 FERC ¶ 61,325 (2006) P 34, 37.

Further, WIC should be prepared to identify and discuss any existing gas quality waivers on its system, including how long those waivers have been in place. Any party proposing alternatives to WIC's proposals should be prepared to support its position with adequate technical, engineering, and operational information.

FERC conferences are accessible under section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For accessibility accommodations please send an e-mail to *accessibility@ferc.gov* or call toll free (866) 208–3372 (voice) or (202) 502– 8659 (TTY), or send a fax to (202) 208– 2106 with the required accommodations.

All interested persons are permitted to attend. For further information please contact Michael.Freeman at (202) 502– 6367 or at *Michael.Freeman@ferc.gov*.

### Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary. [FR Doc. 2010–5775 Filed 3–16–10; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 6717–01–P

## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

## **Southeastern Power Administration**

Proposed Rate Adjustment, Public Forum, and Opportunities for Public Review and Comment for Georgia-Alabama-South Carolina System of Projects

**AGENCY:** Southeastern Power Administration, DOE. **ACTION:** Notice of proposed rate.

**SUMMARY:** Southeastern Power Administration (Southeastern) proposes to revise existing schedules of rates and charges applicable to the sale of power from the Georgia-Alabama-South Carolina System of Projects effective for a 5-year period, October 1, 2010, through September 30, 2015. Additionally, opportunities will be available for interested persons to review the present rates and the proposed rates and supporting studies, to participate in a public forum, and to submit written comments. Southeastern will evaluate all comments received in this process.

**DATES:** Written comments are due on or before June 15, 2010. A public information and comment forum will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, at 10 a.m., on April 29, 2010. Persons desiring to speak at the forum should notify Southeastern at least three (3) days before the forum is scheduled, so that a list of forum participants can be prepared. Others may speak if time permits.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be submitted to: Administrator, Southeastern Power Administration, Department of Energy, 1166 Athens Tech Road, Elberton, Georgia, 30635– 6711. The public information and comment forum for the Georgia-Alabama-South Carolina System of Projects will be at the Sheraton Gateway Atlanta Airport, 1900 Sullivan Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30337 (770) 997–1100.

# FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Leon Jourolmon, Assistant Administrator, Finance & Marketing, Southeastern Power Administration, Department of Energy, 1166 Athens Tech Road, Elberton, Georgia 30635, (706) 213–3800.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) by order issued April 8, 2008 (123 FERC ¶ 62,022), confirmed and approved on a final basis Wholesale Power Rate Schedules SOCO-1-C, SOCO-2-C, SOCO-3-C, SOCO-4-C, ALA-1-L, MISS-1-L, Duke-1-C, Duke-2-C, Duke-3-C, Duke-4-C, Santee-1-C, Santee-2-C, Santee-3-C, Santee-4-C, SCE&G-1-C, SCE&G-2-C, SCE&G-3-C, SCE&G-4-C, Pump-1-A, Pump-2, Regulation-1 and Replacement-1 applicable to Georgia-Alabama-South Carolina System of Projects' power for a period ending September 30, 2012.

*Discussion*: Existing rate schedules are predicated upon a July 2006 repayment study and other supporting data that was adopted prior to the completion of a final cost allocation for the Richard B. Russell Project. The final cost allocation for the Richard B. Russell Project was adopted on March 25, 2008. Southeastern prepared a repayment study in February 2010 with the cost adjustments necessary to comply with the final cost allocation. This repayment study demonstrates that the existing rates are not adequate to meet repayment criteria. Southeastern is proposing to establish new rates that will recoup these unrecovered costs.

A revised study with a revenue increase of \$27,679,000 in fiscal year 2011 and all future years over the current repayment study shows that all costs are repaid within their service life. Therefore, Southeastern is proposing to revise the existing rates to generate this additional revenue. The rate adjustment is an increase of about fifteen percent.

Four reversible pumped storage units have been installed at the Richard B. Russell Project. Construction of these units was completed in Fiscal Year 1993. However, due to litigation, these units were not available for commercial operation until Fiscal Year 2002. Southeastern's customers have suggested the cost of interest during construction from 1993 should not be allocated to power for repayment. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has provided Southeastern with financial statements that show \$223,733,000 was charged to interest during construction at the Russell Project for the period from Fiscal Year 1993 through Fiscal Year 2002. Southeastern has computed an additional \$115,466,000 of interest for the period from Fiscal Year 2002 through Fiscal Year 2009. The total interest for the period from 1993 through 2009 is \$339,198,000. Consistent with the comments received, Southeastern's proposed rates do not include these costs because Southeastern believes that exclusion of the disputed costs should be discussed further at the public forum.

Southeastern is proposing the following rate schedules to be effective for the period from October 1, 2010, through September 30, 2015.

#### Rate Schedule SOCO-1-D

Available to public bodies and cooperatives in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and Florida to whom power may be wheeled and scheduled pursuant to contracts between the Government and Southern Company Services, Incorporated.

### Rate Schedule SOCO-2-D

Available to public bodies and cooperatives in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and Florida to whom power may be wheeled pursuant to contracts between the Government and Southern Company Services, Incorporated. The customer is responsible for providing a scheduling arrangement with the Government.

## Rate Schedule SOCO-3-D

Available to public bodies and cooperatives in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and Florida to whom power may be scheduled pursuant to contracts between the Government and Southern Company Services, Incorporated. The customer is responsible for providing a transmission arrangement.

#### Rate Schedule SOCO-4-D

Available to public bodies and cooperatives in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and Florida served through the transmission facilities of Southern Company Services, Inc. The customer is responsible for providing a scheduling arrangement with the Government and for providing a transmission arrangement.

## Rate Schedule ALA-1-M

Available to PowerSouth Energy Cooperative.

#### Rate Schedule MISS-1-M

Available to the South Mississippi Electric Power Association to whom power may be wheeled pursuant to contract between the Government and PowerSouth Energy Cooperative.

### Rate Schedule Duke-1-D

Available to public bodies and cooperatives in North Carolina and South Carolina to whom power may be wheeled and scheduled pursuant to contracts between the Government and Duke Power Company.

## Rate Schedule Duke-2–D

Available to public bodies and cooperatives in North Carolina and South Carolina to whom power may be wheeled pursuant to contracts between the Government and Duke Power Company. The customer is responsible for providing a scheduling arrangement with the Government.

#### Rate Schedule Duke-3–D

Available to public bodies and cooperatives in North Carolina and South Carolina to whom power may be scheduled pursuant to contracts between the Government and Duke Power Company. The customer is responsible for providing a transmission arrangement.

#### **Rate Schedule Duke-4–D**

Available to public bodies and cooperatives in North Carolina and South Carolina served through the transmission facilities of Duke Power Company. The customer is responsible for providing a scheduling arrangement with the Government and for providing a transmission arrangement.

#### Rate Schedule Santee-1–D

Available to public bodies and cooperatives in South Carolina to whom

power may be wheeled and scheduled pursuant to contracts between the Government and South Carolina Public Service Authority.

## Rate Schedule Santee-2–D

Available to public bodies and cooperatives in South Carolina to whom power may be wheeled pursuant to contracts between the Government and South Carolina Public Service Authority. The customer is responsible for providing a scheduling arrangement with the Government.

## Rate Schedule Santee-3–D

Available to public bodies and cooperatives in South Carolina to whom power may be scheduled pursuant to contracts between the Government and South Carolina Public Service Authority. The customer is responsible for providing a transmission arrangement.

### **Rate Schedule Santee-4–D**

Available to public bodies and cooperatives in South Carolina served through the transmission facilities of South Carolina Public Service Authority. The customer is responsible for providing a scheduling arrangement with the Government and for providing a transmission arrangement.

## Rate Schedule SCE&G-1-D

Available to public bodies and cooperatives in South Carolina to whom power may be wheeled and scheduled pursuant to contracts between the Government and South Carolina Electric & Gas Company.

## Rate Schedule SCE&G-2-D

Available to public bodies and cooperatives in South Carolina to whom power may be wheeled pursuant to contracts between the Government and South Carolina Electric & Gas Company. The customer is responsible for providing a scheduling arrangement with the Government.

## Rate Schedule SCE&G-3-D

Available to public bodies and cooperatives in South Carolina to whom power may be scheduled pursuant to contracts between the Government and South Carolina Electric & Gas Company. The customer is responsible for providing a transmission arrangement.

## Rate Schedule SCE&G-4-D

Available to public bodies and cooperatives in South Carolina served through the transmission facilities of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company. The customer is responsible for providing a scheduling arrangement with the Government and for providing a transmission arrangement.

## Rate Schedule Pump—1-A

Available to all customers of the Georgia-Alabama-South Carolina System and applicable to energy from pumping operations at the Carters and Richard B. Russell projects.

## Rate Schedule Pump—2

Available to public bodies and cooperatives who provide their own scheduling arrangement and elect to allow Southeastern to use a portion of their allocation for pumping.

## **Rate Schedule Regulation**—1

Available to public bodies and cooperatives in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Florida, South Carolina, or North Carolina to whom regulation service is provided pursuant to contracts between the Government and the customer.

## **Rate Schedule Replacement**—1

Available to all customers in the Georgia-Alabama-South Carolina System and applicable to replacement energy.

The proposed rates for capacity, energy, and generation services are as follows:

Capacity: \$4.48 per kW per month. Energy: 11.43 mills per kWh. Generation Services: \$0.12 per kW per month.

Under this scenario, 75 per cent of generation revenues are recovered from capacity sales and 25 per cent are recovered from energy sales. These rates are expected to produce an average revenue increase of \$27,679,000 in FY 2011 and all future years.

The rates for transmission, scheduling, reactive supply, and regulation and frequency response apply to all four scenarios and are illustrated in Table 1.

SOUTHEASTERN POWER ADMINISTRATION PROPOSED RATES FOR TRANSMISSION SCHEDULING, REACTIVE, AND REGULATION CHARGES

Rate schedule	Transmission charge (\$/kW/month)	Scheduling charge \$/kW/month	Reactive charge \$/kW/month	Regulation charge \$/kW/month
SOCO-1-D	2.69	0.0806	0.11	0.0483
SOCO-2-D	2.69	N/A	0.11	N/A
SOCO-3-D	N/A	0.0806	N/A	0.0483
SOCO-4-D	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
ALA-1-M	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
MISS-1-M	2.62	N/A	N/A	N/A
Duke-1-D	0.94	N/A	N/A	N/A
Duke-2-D	0.94	N/A	N/A	N/A
Duke-3-D	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Duke-4-D	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Santee-1-D	1.32	N/A	N/A	N/A
Santee-2-D	1.32	N/A	N/A	N/A
Santee-3-D	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Santee-4-D	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
SCE&G-1-D	1.02	N/A	N/A	N/A
SCE&G-2-D	1.02	N/A	N/A	N/A
SCE&G-3-D	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
SCE&G-4-D	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pump—1–A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pump—2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Regulation-1	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.05
Replacement-1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

The referenced repayment studies are available for examination at 1166 Athens Tech Road, Elberton, Georgia 30635–6711. Proposed Rate Schedules SOCO–1–D, SOCO–2–D, SOCO–3–D, SOCO–4–D, ALA–1–M, MISS–1–M, Duke–1–D, Duke–2–D, Duke–3–D, Duke–4–D, Santee–1–D, Santee–2–D, Santee–3–D, Santee–4–D, SCE&G–1–D, SCE&G–2–D, SCE&G–3–D, SCE&G–4–D, Pump–1–A, Pump–2, Regulation–1, and Replacement–1 are also available.

Dated: March 10, 2010.

Kenneth E. Legg, Administrator. [FR Doc. 2010–5801 Filed 3–16–10; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 6450–01–P

## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; Request for Information; Weatherization Assistance Program; Sustainable Energy Resources for Consumers Grants

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Request for Information (RFI).

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) is seeking information from stakeholders on a potential competitive Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) in support of the Sustainable Energy Resources for Consumers Grants. The authority for these Grants was created by the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 ("EISA") Section 411(b).

**DATES:** Written comments and information are requested on or before 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday, March 22, 2010. The RFI was posted publicly on FedConnect on Monday, March 8, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons may submit information by the following method:

• E-mail:

sustainableenergywap@hq.doe.gov. Please include "Response to Sustainable Energy Resources for Consumer Grants RFI" in the subject line of the message.

• *Instructions:* Responses must be provided as a Microsoft Word (.doc) attachment to the e-mail, of no more than 3 pages in length, 12 point font, 1 inch margins. Only electronic responses will be accepted.

• The Request for Information can be viewed at:

1. Go to the FedConnect Web site: *https://www.fedconnect.net/.* 

2. Click on "Search Public Opportunities."

3. Search by title: "Weatherization." 4. Select the listing with issue date of 3/8/10.

5. In the Documentation section at the right side of the screen, click on "Weatherization Assistance Program Sustainable Energy Resources for Consumers Grants."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct requests for additional information to Mr. Tyler Huebner, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Weatherization and Intergovernmental Programs, E-mail: sustainableenergywap@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Request for Information text as shown below was posted on FedConnect on Monday, March 8, 2010. DOE Request for Information (RFI) DE-FOA-0000283 Weatherization Assistance Program Sustainable Energy Resources for **Consumers Grants** Date: March 8, 2010. Subject: Request for Information (RFI). Description: The Department of Energy (DOE) is seeking information from stakeholders on a potential competitive Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) in support of the Sustainable Energy Resources for Consumers Grants ("Sustainable Energy Grants"). The authority for these Grants was created by the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 ("EISA") Section 411(b). (42 U.S.C. 6827 note). Program Manager/Area: Claire Broido Johnson/Weatherization and Intergovernmental Programs, Robert Adams/Weatherization Assistance

#### Background

Program (WAP).

The traditional Weatherization Assistance Program ("WAP" or "the Program") provides funds to States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and other U.S territories to weatherize the homes of low income Americans. EISA Section 411(b) authorizes the Secretary to make funding available to local weatherization agencies to expand the Weatherization Assistance Program for residential buildings to include materials, benefits, and renewable and domestic energy technologies not currently covered by the Program. Section 411(b) states that for a local agency applicant to receive funding under this provision, the State weatherization agency (the grantee under the traditional WAP) must certify that the applicant has the capacity to carry out the proposed activities and

that the State weatherization agency will include the project in their financial oversight of the traditional WAP.

The amount of funds used for Sustainable Energy Grants may equal up to two (2) percent of the amount of funds made available for any fiscal year under section 422 of the Energy Conservation and Production Act (42 U.S.C. 6872; the WAP authority) if those funds exceed \$275 million. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act ("ARRA" or "Recovery Act") provided \$5 billion for WAP, and FY 2009 provided \$450 million (\$250 million in supplemental and \$200 million in base FY 2009 funding). Thus, the Department has up to \$109 million available for Sustainable Energy Grants.

### Purposes of the Sustainable Energy Resources for Consumers Grants

The purposes of the Sustainable Energy Resources for Consumers Grants are to:

• Expand WAP for residential buildings to include materials, benefits, and renewable and domestic energy technologies not covered by the Program;

• Work with existing partners to expand and enhance the Program.

Section 411(b)(2) states that in selecting grant recipients under this subsection, DOE shall give priority to:

(A) The expected effectiveness and benefits of the proposed project to lowand moderate-income energy consumers:

(B) The potential for replication of successful results;

(C) The impact on the health and safety and energy costs of consumers served; and

(D) The extent of partnerships with other public and private entities that contribute to the resources and implementation of the program, including financial partnerships.

The purpose of this Request for Information (RFI) is primarily to determine the interest and capacity of local weatherization agencies to apply for and implement the Sustainable Energy Grants, and the types of activities that applicants would propose; and secondarily to solicit feedback on the proposed topic area and evaluation criteria for these competitive Sustainable Energy Grants.

This is a Request for Information (RFI) and not a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA). DOE is not accepting applications, and is instead seeking information from local weatherization agencies, State Weatherization agencies, and other stakeholders under the potential FOA.