

DATES: Submit written or electronic comments on this draft procedural manual on or before 5 p.m. EDT on January 31, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments via e-mail to VotingSystemGuidelines@eac.gov; via mail to Brian Hancock, Director of Voting System Certification, U.S. Election Assistance Commission, 1201 New York Avenue, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20005; or via fax to 202-566-1392. An electronic copy of the proposed manual may be found on the EAC's Web site, <http://www.eac.gov/open/comment.aspx>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian Hancock, Director, Voting System Certification, Washington, DC (202) 566-3100, Fax: (202) 566-1392.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background. HAVA requires that the EAC certify and decertify voting systems. Section 231(a)(1) of HAVA (42 U.S.C. 15371) specifically requires the EAC to “* * * provide for the testing, certification, decertification and recertification of voting system hardware and software by accredited laboratories.” To meet this obligation, the EAC has created a voluntary program to test voting systems to Federal voting system standards. The Voting System Testing and Certification Manual, published below, will set the procedures for this program.

In creating the Certification Manual in 2006 the EAC sought input from experts and stakeholders. Specifically, the EAC conducted meetings with representatives from the voting system test laboratory and voting system manufacturing community. The Commission also held a public hearing in which it received testimony from State election officials, the National Institute of Standards and Technology, academics, electronic voting system experts and public interest groups. Finally, the EAC sought input from the public.

EAC is required to resubmit the Testing and Certification Manual for renewal in accordance with Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 requirements. The Testing and Certification Division has updated sections of the manual to reflect proposed changes in certification procedures. These sections are highlighted for ease of review.

Comments. Please submit comments consistent with the information below. Comments should identify and cite the section of the manual at issue. Where a substantive issue is raised, please propose a recommended change or alternative policy.

This notice is published in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, to request comments regarding the burden of responding to the information collection activities of the proposed manual; please refer to the EAC's Web site, <http://www.eac.gov>, for further information about the submission of comments regarding burden.

Alice Miller,
Chief Operating Officer, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee

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

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an open meeting of the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee under Section 9008(d) of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008. The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that agencies publish these notices in the **Federal Register** to allow for public participation. This notice announces the meeting of the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee.

DATES: December 15, 2010 at 8 a.m.-5:15 p.m. EDT

ADDRESSES: Williamsburg Room (104-A), USDA Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laura McCann, Designated Federal Officer for the Committee, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-7766, laura.mccann@ee.doe.gov; or Chrissy Fagerholm, (202) 586-2933, Christina.Fagerholm@ee.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and guidance that promotes research and development leading to the production of biobased fuels and biobased products.

Tentative Agenda: Agenda will include the following:

- Update on USDA Biomass R&D Activities.
- Update on DOE Biomass R&D Activities.

- Presentation from the National Alliance for Advanced Biofuels and Bioproducts. (NAABB) Algae Consortium.

- Presentation on the Knowledge Discovery Framework.

- Presentation on USDA sustainability findings.

Public Participation: In keeping with procedures, members of the public are welcome to observe the business of the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee. To attend the meeting and/or to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, you must contact Laura McCann at 202-586-7766; E-mail: laura.mccann@ee.doe.gov or Chrissy Fagerholm at (202) 586-2933; E-mail: Christina.Fagerholm@ee.doe.gov at least 5 business days prior to the meeting. Please note that this meeting will be held in a Federal building, and therefore a photo ID and advance notice will be required to enter. Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign up at the beginning of the meeting. Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The Chair of the Committee will make every effort to hear the views of all interested parties. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. The Chair will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting will be available for public review and copying at <http://www.brdissolutions.com/publications/default.aspx#meetings>.

Issued at Washington, DC, on November 24, 2010.

Rachel Samuel,

Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP11-29-000]

CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Application

November 22, 2010.

Take notice that on November 12, 2010, CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company (CenterPoint), 1111 Louisiana Street, Houston, Texas 77002, filed in Docket No. CP11-29-000, a request for abandonment authority, pursuant to 18 CFR part 157

and section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act, to abandon, in place, the Enid Compressor Station (Enid Station) located on Line 2 in Garfield County, Oklahoma. Specifically, CenterPoint proposes to abandon two 1,200 horsepower compressor units and one 1,350 horsepower compressor unit, fuel meter, compressor building and associated yard and station piping located at the Enid Station. CenterPoint states that the Enid Station has been inactive for several years, is no longer needed and no service will be abandoned or adversely affected, all as more fully set forth in the application, which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing 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, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to B. Michelle Willis, Manager, Regulatory & Compliance CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company, P.O. Box 21734, Shreveport, LA 71151, telephone no. (318) 429-3708, facsimile no. (318) 429-3133, and e-mail: michelle.willis@centerpointenergy.com; Lawrence O. Thomas, Senior Director, P.O. Box 21734, Shreveport, LA 71151, telephone no. (318) 429-2804, and e-mail:

larry.thomas@centerpointenergy.com; and Mark C. Schroeder, Sr. VP and General Counsel, P.O. Box 1700, Houston, TX 77210, telephone no. (713) 207-3395, facsimile no. (713) 207-0711, and e-mail:

mark.schroeder@centerpointenergy.com.

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 7 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.

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 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.

Comment Date: December 13, 2010.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP11-36-000]

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company; Notice of Application

November 23, 2010.

Take notice that on November 17, 2010, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Tennessee), 1001 Louisiana Street, Houston, Texas 77002, filed in the above referenced docket an application pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to construct a new 2,000 horsepower compressor station along its 200 Line system in western Massachusetts in order to provide 6,100 dekatherms per day (Dth/d) of incremental transportation capacity to Bay State Gas Company and 4,300 Dth/d of incremental transportation capacity to the Berkshire Gas Company, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the