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**DATE AND TIME:** Thursday, April 15, 2004, beginning at 9 a.m. and ending at approximately 4 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising, Museum Gallery, Ground Floor, 919 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90015–1421.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Brian K. Fitzgerald, Staff Director, Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, Capitol Place, 80 F Street, NW., Suite 413, Washington, DC 20202–7582, (202) 219–2099.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance is established under Section 491 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 as amended by Public Law 100–50 (20 U.S.C. 1098). The Advisory Committee serves as an independent source of advice and counsel to the Congress and the Secretary of Education on student financial aid policy. Since its inception, the congressional mandate requires the Advisory Committee to conduct objective, nonpartisan, and independent analyses on important aspects of the student assistance programs under Title IV of the Higher Education Act. In addition, Congress expanded the Advisory Committee's agenda in the Higher Education Amendments of 1998 in several important areas: Access, Title IV modernization, distance education, and early information and needs assessment. Specifically, the Advisory Committee is to review, monitor and evaluate the Department of Education's progress in these areas and report recommended improvements to Congress and the Secretary.

The FY2004 Consolidated Appropriations Act (H.R. 2673), which was signed into law on January 23, 2004, directs the Advisory Committee to examine the federal financial aid formula and application forms in order to simplify and streamline the programs to make the system easier, more responsive, and fairer for students and families. The Advisory Committee is well suited to conduct this study, drawing upon the expertise of its eleven members and its experience conducting

other broad studies on financial aid issues. The Advisory Committee also has the particular mission of examining the impact of these issues on low- and moderate-income students, a specific goal of the study.

The Advisory Committee has scheduled this regional field hearing to gather additional feedback about financial aid simplification. The proposed agenda includes expert testimony and discussion of the following issues: (a) The impact of complexities in the financial aid process on access to postsecondary education, particularly for low-income students; (b) opportunities for simplification in the financial aid process and forms; and (c) specific issues related to financial aid simplification, such as early notification of financial aid eligibility. The agenda also includes an afternoon session during which the general public is invited to provide oral and/or written testimony to the Advisory Committee on these issues. The Advisory Committee also invites the public to submit written comments regarding this study to the following e-mail address: [ADV\\_COMSFA@ed.gov](mailto:ADV_COMSFA@ed.gov). We must receive your comments on or before April 23, 2004.

Space at the hearing is limited and you are encouraged to register early if you plan to attend the hearing. You may register through the Internet by e-mailing the Advisory Committee at [ADV\\_COMSFA@ed.gov](mailto:ADV_COMSFA@ed.gov) or at [Tracy.Deanna.Jones@ed.gov](mailto:Tracy.Deanna.Jones@ed.gov). Please include your name, title, affiliation, complete address (including Internet and e-mail—if available), and telephone and fax numbers. If you are unable to register electronically, you may mail or fax your registration information to the Advisory Committee staff office at (202) 219–3032. Also, you may contact the Advisory Committee staff at (202) 219–2099. The registration deadline is Monday, April 5, 2004.

Records are kept of all Committee proceedings, and are available for public inspection at the Office of the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, Capitol Place, 80 F Street, NW., Suite 413, Washington, DC from the hours of 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Information regarding the simplification study will also be made available on the Advisory Committee's Web site, [www.ed.gov/ACSFA](http://www.ed.gov/ACSFA).

Dated: March 12, 2004.

**Brian K. Fitzgerald,**

*Staff Director, Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP04–214–000]

#### Cross Timbers Energy Services, Inc.; Complainant v. Transwestern Pipeline Company; Respondent; Notice of Complaint

March 12, 2004.

Take notice that on March 11, 2004, Cross Timbers Energy Services, Inc. (Cross Timbers) pursuant to rule 206 of practice and procedure of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 18 CFR 385.206 (2003), filed a Complaint against Transwestern Pipeline Company (Transwestern).

Cross Timbers alleges that Transwestern violated Commission policy, Section 5 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) 15 U.S.C. 717d, and the Commission's regulations applicable to open-access transportation of natural gas, 18 CFR part 284, by charging Cross Timbers maximum firm transportation reservation charges for the month of May 2003 effectively converting Cross Timbers' firm service into interruptible service. Commission policy requires interstate pipelines to provide firm shippers with reservation charge credits during times of scheduled maintenance. Section 3.2 of Transwestern's FTS–1 Rate Schedule is inconsistent with this Commission policy.

Cross Timbers requests that the Commission order Transwestern, pursuant to section 16 of NGS, 15 U.S.C. 717o, to make a monetary payment or provide billing adjustments or credits to Cross Timbers to prevent Transwestern's unjust enrichment. Cross Timbers also asks the Commission to require Transwestern to conform its tariff to Commission policy.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this filing should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's rules of practice and procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. The answer to the complaint and all comments, interventions or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. 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](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 Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The answer to the complaint, comments, protests and interventions 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:* April 1, 2004.

**Linda Mitry,**  
*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 11858-002]

#### Elsinore Municipal Water District and Nevada Hydro Company, Inc.; Notice Extending Deadline for Submitting Additional Study Requests

March 12, 2004.

Take notice that the date for filing study requests has been extended for the Lake Elsinore Advanced Pumped Storage Project, FERC Project No. 11858-02.

On February 2, 2004, Elsinore Municipal Water District and the Nevada Hydro Company, Inc. filed a license application for a major unconstructed project that would be located on Lake Elsinore and San Juan Creek, in the Town of Lake Elsinore, Riverside County, California.

In a notice tendering the license application for filing and soliciting additional study requests issued February 10, 2004, the Commission set the deadline for filing additional study requests as April 2, 2004. However, some of the consulted parties were not provided with a copy of the application by the applicant as set forth in the Commission’s regulations.<sup>1</sup> Because the applicant will have just finished mailing the application to the consulted agencies and tribes as of March 12, 2004, we are extending the deadline for filing additional study requests to give

all consulted parties a full 60-day period to review the application.

The deadline for filing additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status is now May 11, 2004.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Magalie R. Salas, 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.

Additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status 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 “e-Filing” link.

**Linda Mitry,**  
*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD04-4-000]

#### Panel Member List for Hydropower Licensing Study Dispute Resolution; Notice Requesting Applications for Panel Member List for Hydropower Licensing Study Dispute Resolution

March 12, 2004.

This notice requests applications from those interested in being listed as potential panel members to assist in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (Commission) study dispute resolution process for the integrated licensing process for hydropower projects.

#### Background

The Commission’s final rule revising its regulations pertaining to hydroelectric licensing under the Federal Power Act encourages informal resolution of study disagreements. In cases where this is not successful, a formal study dispute resolution process

is available for State and Federal agencies or Indian tribes with mandatory conditioning authority.<sup>1</sup>

The final rule provides that the disputed study must be submitted to a dispute resolution panel consisting of a person from Commission staff, a person from the agency or Indian tribe referring the dispute to the Commission, and a third person selected by the other two panelists from a pre-established list of persons with expertise in the disputed resource area.<sup>2</sup> The third panel member (TPM) will serve without compensation, except for certain allowable travel expenses to be borne by the Commission (31 CFR 301).

The role of the panel members is to make a finding, with respect to each disputed study request, on the extent to which each study criteria set forth in the regulations is or is not met,<sup>3</sup> and why. The panel will then make a recommendation to the Director of the Office of Energy Projects based on the panel’s findings.

TPMs can only be selected from a list of qualified persons (TPM List) that is developed and maintained by the Commission. Each qualified panel member will be listed by area(s) and sub-area(s) of technical expertise, for example Fisheries Resources—Instream flow. The TPM list will be available to the public on the Commission’s web site. All individuals submitting their applications to the Commission for consideration must meet the Commission’s qualifications.

#### Application Contents

The applicant should describe in detail his/her qualifications in items 1–4 listed below.

1. Technical expertise, including education and experience in each resource area and sub-area for which the applicant wishes to be considered:

- Aquatic resources:
  - Water quality;
  - Instream flows;
  - Fish passage;
  - Macroinvertebrates;
  - Threatened and endangered species;
  - General.
- Terrestrial resources:
  - Wildlife biology;
  - Botany;
  - Wetlands ecology;
  - Threatened and endangered

<sup>1</sup> See § 5.14 of the final rule, which may be viewed on the Commission’s Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/home/Order2002.pdf>, and see excerpted attachment describing the formal dispute resolution process.

<sup>2</sup> These persons must not be otherwise involved with the proceeding.

<sup>3</sup> See § 5.9 of the final rule.

<sup>1</sup> See 18 CFR 4.38(d)(1).