

using the procedures discussed below. If using electronic filing, follow the on-line instructions and submit such comments under FE Docket No. 10–111–LNG. DOE/FE suggests that electronic filers carefully review information provided in their submissions, and include only information that is intended to be publicly disclosed. You may not electronically file a protest, motion to intervene, or notice of intervention, but may submit such pleadings using the following process.

In response to this notice, any person may file a protest, motion to intervene or notice of intervention or written comments, as provided in DOE's regulations at 10 CFR part 590.

Any person wishing to become a party to the proceeding and to have their written comments considered as a basis for any decision on the application must file a motion to intervene or notice of intervention, as applicable. The filing of comments or a protest with respect to the application will not serve to make the commenter or protestant a party to the proceeding, although protests and comments received from persons who are not parties may be considered in determining the appropriate action to be taken on the application. All protests, motions to intervene, notices of intervention, and written comments must meet the requirements specified by the regulations in 10 CFR part 590. Except where comments are filed electronically, as described above, comments, protests, motions to intervene, notices of intervention, and requests for additional procedures shall be filed with the Office of Oil and Gas Global Security and Supply at the address listed above.

A decisional record on the application will be developed through responses to this notice by parties, including the parties' written comments and replies thereto. Additional procedures will be used as necessary to achieve a complete understanding of the facts and issues. A party seeking intervention may request that additional procedures be provided, such as additional written comments, an oral presentation, a conference, or trial-type hearing. Any request to file additional written comments should explain why they are necessary. Any request for an oral presentation should identify the substantial question of fact, law, or policy at issue, show that it is material and relevant to a decision in the proceeding, and demonstrate why an oral presentation is needed. Any request for a conference should demonstrate why the conference would materially advance the proceeding. Any request for a trial-type hearing must

show that there are factual issues genuinely in dispute that are relevant and material to a decision and that a trial-type hearing is necessary for a full and true disclosure of the facts.

If an additional procedure is scheduled, notice will be provided to all parties. If no party requests additional procedures, a final Opinion and Order may be issued based on the official record, including the application and responses filed by parties pursuant to this notice, in accordance with 10 CFR 590.316.

The application filed by Sabine Pass is available for inspection and copying in the Office of Oil and Gas Global Security and Supply docket room, 3E–042, at the above address. The docket room is open between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The application and any filed protests, motions to intervene or notice of intervention, and comments will also be available electronically by going to the following DOE/FE web address: <http://www.fe.doe.gov/programs/gasregulation/index.html>. In addition, any electronic comments filed will also be available at: <http://www.regulations.gov>.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Notice of Availability of Report on Data Access and Privacy Issues Related to Smart Grid Technologies

**AGENCY:** Office of the General Counsel, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** Through this notice, the Department of Energy (DOE) announces the availability of its report entitled, “Data Access and Privacy Issues Related to Smart Grid Technologies.” In this report, DOE discusses existing trends, consensus, and potential best practices emerging as States use or adapt existing legal regimes to accommodate the deployment of Smart Grid technologies. DOE also provides a comprehensive summary of the comments received in response to a Request for Information and during a public meeting conducted during the preparation of the report. This report responds to recommendations for DOE set forth in

the National Broadband Plan authored by the Federal Communications Commission at the direction of Congress.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the report, comments received and the transcript of the public meeting are available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 1G–051, Washington, DC 20585–0121. Public inspection can be conducted between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. These documents can also be accessed online at <http://www.gc.energy.gov/1592.htm>.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On May 11, 2010, DOE published a Request for Information (RFI) seeking comments and information from interested parties to assist DOE in understanding current and potential practices and policies for the states and other entities to empower consumers (and perhaps others) through access to detailed energy information in electronic form—including real-time information from smart meters, historical consumption data, and pricing and billing information. 75 FR 26203. The RFI asked interested parties, including industry, consumer groups and state governments, to report on state efforts to enact Smart Grid privacy and data collection policies. The RFI also sought input regarding individual electric utility practices and policies regarding data access and collection; third party access to detailed energy information; and the role of the consumer in balancing the benefits of access and privacy. Finally, the RFI sought comment on what policies and practices should guide policymakers in determining who can access consumers' energy information and under what conditions. To gather additional data, DOE also published a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing a public meeting to discuss the issues presented in the RFI. 75 FR 33611 (June 14, 2010). The public meeting, held on June 29, 2010, provided another forum in which interested parties could provide comments and information, as well as

engage in constructive dialogue with other interested parties.

In developing its report entitled, *"Data Access and Privacy Issues Related to Smart Grid Technologies,"* DOE considered all of the comments and information received during the public comment process, as well as other information pertaining to issues of access to and privacy protections for consumer energy usage data. In this report, DOE discusses the results of DOE's efforts to collect and analyze diverse perspectives on the current state of data security and consumer privacy issues associated with the ongoing development and deployment of Smart Grid technologies. DOE also reviews and summarizes the public comments received in response to the RFI and during the public meeting that provide support for the recommendations and observations offered in the report.

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**Scott Blake Harris,**  
General Counsel.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Notice of Availability of Report on the Communications Requirements of Smart Grid Technologies

**AGENCY:** Office of the General Counsel, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** Through this notice, the Department of Energy (DOE) announces the availability of its report entitled, *"Communications Requirements of Smart Grid Technologies."* In this report, DOE sets forth recommendations and observations on current and potential communications requirements of the Smart Grid, as well as the types of networks and communications services that may be used. DOE also provides a comprehensive summary of the comments received in response to a Request for Information and during a public meeting conducted during the preparation of the report. This report responds to recommendations for DOE set forth in the National Broadband Plan authored by the Federal Communications Commission at the direction of Congress.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the report, comments received and the transcript of the public meeting are available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 1G-051, Washington, DC

20585-0121. Public inspection can be conducted between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. These documents can also be accessed online at <http://www.gc.energy.gov/1592.htm>.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On May 11, 2010, DOE published a Request for Information (RFI) seeking comments and information from interested parties to assist DOE in understanding current and future communications needs of the Smart Grid and how they may be met. 75 FR 26206. The RFI sought to collect information and open a dialogue about the communications technologies required to realize the many potential benefits of the Smart Grid, as well as the types of networks and communications services that may be used to meet these requirements. To gather additional data, DOE also published a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing a public meeting to discuss the issues presented in the RFI. 75 FR 33611 (June 14, 2010). The public meeting, held on June 17, 2010, provided another forum in which interested parties could provide comments and information, as well as engage in constructive dialogue with other interested parties.

In developing its report entitled, *"Communications Requirements of Smart Grid Technologies,"* DOE considered all of the comments and information received during the public comment process, as well as other information pertaining to communications requirements of the Smart Grid. In this report, DOE discusses the results of DOE's efforts to collect and analyze diverse perspectives on the current and future communications requirements of the Smart Grid.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP10-510-000]

#### El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Application

October 4, 2010.

Take notice that on September 28, 2010, El Paso Natural Gas Company (EPNG), P.O. Box 1087, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80944, filed in the above referenced docket an application pursuant to section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations, requesting the abandonment in place of EPNG's Deming Compressor Station located in Luna County, New Mexico and Tucson Compressor Station located in Gila County, Arizona, 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 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](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions concerning this application may be directed to Susan C. Stires, Director, Regulatory Affairs, El Paso Natural Gas Company, P.O. Box 1087, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80944 at (719) 667-7514 or by fax at (719) 667-7534.

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.