

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. EF10-4-000]

**Southwestern Power Administration; Notice of Filing**

January 8, 2010.

Take notice that on January 5, 2010, the Deputy Secretary of the Department of Energy, pursuant to the authority vested by sections 301(b), 302(a), 402(e), 641, 642, 643, and 644, and by Delegation Order Nos. 00-037.00 (December 6, 2001) and 00-001.00C (January 31, 2007), confirmed, approved, and placed in effect on an interim basis in Rate Order SWPA-62, Southwestern Power Administration Integrated System Rates, Rate Schedule P-09, Wholesale Rates for Hydro Peaking Power, Rate Schedule NPTS-09, Wholesale Rates for Non-Federal Transmission/Interconnection Facilities Service, and Rate Schedule EE-09, Wholesale Rate for Excess Energy, for period January 1, 2010 through September 30, 2013.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 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 notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. On or before the comment date, it is not necessary to serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of 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](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on February 4, 2010.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. ER10-553-000]

**Hannaford Energy, LLC; Supplemental Notice That Initial Market-Based Rate Filing Includes Request for Blanket Section 204 Authorization**

January 8, 2010.

This is a supplemental notice in the above-referenced proceeding of Hannaford Energy, LLC's application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying rate tariff, noting that such application includes a request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR Part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest 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). Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing protests with regard to the applicant's request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR Part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability, is January 28, 2010.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at <http://www.ferc.gov>. To facilitate electronic service, persons with Internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an eRegistration account using the eRegistration link. Select the eFiling link to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the intervention or protest to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The filings in the above-referenced proceeding are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the appropriate link in the above list. They are also 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](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

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*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

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**California Independent System Operator Corporation; Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.; Southwest Power Pool, Inc.; ISO New England, Inc. and New England Power Pool; PJM Interconnection, LLC; New York Independent System Operator, Inc.; Notice Providing Agenda for Technical Conference on RTO/ISO Responsiveness**

January 8, 2010.

On November 13, 2009, the Commission issued a notice announcing that the Commission staff would hold a technical conference in the near future to address issues raised in the above-referenced Order No. 719 compliance proceedings.<sup>1</sup> The notice indicated that the date, time, and agenda for the conference would be announced in a subsequent notice.

The staff technical conference will be held on Thursday, February 4, 2010, from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (EST) in the Commission Meeting Room at the Commission's Washington, DC headquarters, 888 First Street, NE.

As described in the November 13 Notice, this conference is intended to provide a forum for participants to

<sup>1</sup> *Wholesale Competition in Regions with Organized Electric Market*, Order No. 719, 73 FR 64,100 (Oct. 28, 2008), FERC Stats & Regs. ¶ 31,281 (2008); *order on reh'g*, 74 FR 37,772 (July 29, 2009), 128 FERC ¶ 61,059 (2009) (Order No. 719-A).

discuss issues related to the responsiveness of regional transmission organizations (RTOs) and independent system operators (ISOs) to their customers and other stakeholders. Various parties filed specific proposals in the above-referenced proceedings to address perceived problems with stakeholder and Board processes and configurations. For example, during the Order No. 719 compliance period, the Ohio Consumers' Council filed a motion to lodge a report on RTO/ISO governance written by the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates (NASUCA). In the report, NASUCA argues that existing RTO/ISO structures prevent effective participation by end-user consumers for three reasons: (1) The decision making process is complicated, (2) the decision making process is time intensive, and (3) most consumers and their advocates lack the resources required to meaningfully monitor and influence the stakeholder process. NASUCA argues that for these reasons, there is a lack of adequate retail consumer involvement under the current structure, which may lead to decisions that do not adequately consider the price of electricity to residential consumers.

To address these concerns, NASUCA recommends the Commission take action to reorganize the RTO/ISO stakeholder process and governance structure. First, NASUCA states that it is necessary to have all RTO/ISO Board meetings open to the public and include remote participation by teleconference wherever possible. Next, NASUCA proposes a revised governance structure that reflects consumer interests at the Board level, through the inclusion of two Board members with Consumer Advocate experience, at the Committee level, through a Standing Committee dedicated to Consumer Affairs, and within the RTO/ISO, through a Division of Consumer Affairs. NASUCA also recommends the creation of a funding mechanism, via RTO/ISO fees, which would provide resources for public representatives of consumers to support consumer positions at all levels of the stakeholder process.

In addition to the proposals made by NASUCA, other commenters argue that RTOs and ISOs must take further steps to satisfy the criteria established in Order No. 719 on responsiveness to customers and other stakeholders, including proposals to reduce the number of RTO and ISO meetings by streamlining approval processes and to include language in RTO and ISO mission statements reflecting consumer interests.

The technical conference will provide the Commission staff with the opportunity to further explore these concerns and proposals with the parties and the RTOs and ISOs. These dockets will remain open for 30 days following the conference in order to provide an opportunity for the filing of written comments. Attached is an agenda for the conference.

This conference will be webcast. All interested parties are invited, and there is no registration fee to attend.

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](mailto: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.

Questions about the technical conference may be directed to Kurt Longo at [kurt.longo@ferc.gov](mailto:kurt.longo@ferc.gov), (202) 502-8048.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PF09-15-000]

#### **Dominion Transmission, Inc.; Notice of Public Scoping Meetings for the Appalachian Gateway Project**

January 8, 2010.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Appalachian Gateway Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Dominion Transmission, Inc. (DTI) in northeastern West Virginia (WV) and southwestern Pennsylvania (PA). The EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

This notice announces the dates and locations of the scoping meetings FERC staff will be holding to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the project. Your input will help the Commission staff determine what issues need to be evaluated in the EA. You are invited to attend the public scoping meetings that have been scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at 6 p.m. (EST), Youghiogheny Ballroom, 100 Riverside Drive, West Newton, PA.

Thursday, January 21, 2010 at 6 p.m. (EST), Waynesburg Central High School—Auditorium, 30 Zimmerman Drive, Waynesburg, PA.

Wednesday, January 27, 2010 at 6 p.m. (EST), Valley High School—Auditorium, One Lumberjack Lane, Pine Grove, WV.

Thursday, January 28, 2010 at 6 PM (EST), Riverside High School—Auditorium, #1 Warriar Way, Belle, WV.

This notice is being sent to the Commission's current environmental mailing for this project, which includes affected landowners; 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. State and local government representatives are asked to notify their constituents of this planned project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

#### **Summary of the Planned Project**

DTI plans to construct and operate approximately 110 miles of 20-, 24-, and 30-inch diameter natural gas pipeline and associated aboveground facilities in northeastern West Virginia and southwestern Pennsylvania. According to DTI, its project would provide about 484,260 dekatherms of natural gas per day of firm transportation services from increasing gas production in the Appalachian region of West Virginia and Pennsylvania to the east coast markets.

The Appalachian Gateway Project would consist of the following facilities:

- Approximately 43.1 miles of 30-inch diameter pipeline in Marshall County, WV and Greene County, PA;
- Approximately 54.2 miles of 24-inch diameter pipeline in Greene, Washington, Allegheny, and Westmoreland Counties, PA;
- Approximately 5.2 miles of 20-inch diameter pipeline loop in Kanawha County, WV and 6 miles of 24-inch diameter pipeline loop in Greene County, PA;<sup>1</sup>
- A total of approximately 1.5 miles of various diameter discharge and suction pipelines to serve the Lewis-Wetzel Compressor Station (Wetzel County, WV) and the Morrison Compressor Station (Harrison County, WV);
- Two new compressor stations on new sites: Burch Ridge Station

<sup>1</sup> A pipeline loop is constructed parallel to an existing pipeline to increase capacity.