

near the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP), which DOE operates for disposal of defense transuranic waste. One of the additional locations to be evaluated is in Section 20, Township 22 South, Range 31 East within the land subject to the WIPP Land Withdrawal Act (Pub. L. 102–579) as amended (Act), across the WIPP access road from the WIPP facility. The second is in the vicinity of WIPP, but outside of the lands withdrawn by the Act, in Section 10, Township 22 South, Range 31 East, approximately 3½ miles north of the WIPP facility. Through development of the SEIS, DOE will evaluate the cumulative impacts of constructing and operating a facility for long-term management and storage of elemental mercury with the ongoing and planned operations of WIPP for disposal of defense transuranic waste, as well as the potential disposal of greater-than-Class C waste (*Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Disposal of Greater-Than-Class C (GTCC) Low-level Radioactive Waste and GTCC-Like Waste* (GTCC EIS, DOE/EIS–0375, February 2011). The locations to be evaluated in the SEIS would be suitable for an above-ground storage facility.

#### Identification of Environmental Issues

DOE proposes to analyze the potential environmental impacts of the two additional alternatives for management and storage of elemental mercury as they apply to the following:

- Land use and visual resources.
- Geology, soils, and geologic hazards, including seismicity.
- Water resources (surface water and groundwater).
- Meteorology, air quality and noise.
- Ecological resources (terrestrial resources, wetlands and aquatic resources, and species that are Federal- or state-listed as threatened, endangered, or of special concern).
- Cultural and paleontological resources such as prehistoric, historic, or Native American sites.
- Site infrastructure.
- Waste management.
- Occupational and public health and safety, including from construction, operations, facility accidents, transportation, and intentional destructive acts.
- Ecological risk.
- Socioeconomic impacts on potentially affected communities.
- Environmental Justice (i.e., whether long-term mercury management and storage activities have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on minority and low-income populations).
- Facility closure.

- Cumulative impacts, including global commons cumulative impacts, i.e., ozone depletion and climate change.
- Potential mitigation measures.
- Unavoidable adverse environmental impacts.
- Irreversible and irretrievable commitments of resources.
- Relationship between short-term uses of the environment and maintenance and enhancement of long-term productivity.

#### Public Participation in the SEIS Process

NEPA implementing regulations require an early and open process for determining the scope of an EIS (or SEIS) and for identifying the significant issues related to the proposed action. To ensure that the full range of issues related to the proposed action are addressed, DOE invites Federal agencies, state, local, and tribal governments, and the general public to comment on the scope of the SEIS, including identification of reasonable alternatives and specific issues to be addressed. DOE will hold a public scoping meeting in Carlsbad, New Mexico, on June 26, 2012, and in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on June 28, 2012, as previously described (see **DATES**).

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Combined Notice of Filings

May 30, 2012.

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

#### Filings Instituting Proceedings

*Docket Numbers:* RP12–754–000.

*Applicants:* Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corp., Hot Spring Power Company, LLC.

*Description:* Petition for Waiver of Gas Regulations of Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation and Hot Spring Power Company, LLC in RP12–754.

*Filed Date:* 5/25/12.

*Accession Number:* 20120525–5153.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 6/6/12.

*Docket Numbers:* RP12–755–000.

*Applicants:* MarkWest Pioneer, LLC.

*Description:* MarkWest Pioneer—Quarterly FRP Filing to be effective 7/1/2012.

*Filed Date:* 5/29/12.

*Accession Number:* 20120529–5201.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 6/11/12.

Any person desiring to intervene or protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.

#### Filings in Existing Proceedings

*Docket Numbers:* CP10–16–001.

*Applicants:* Cadeville Gas Storage LLC.

*Description:* Abbreviated amendment of Cadeville Gas Storage LLC under CP10–16.

*Filed Date:* 5/15/12.

*Accession Number:* 20120515–5240.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 6/4/12.

Any person desiring to protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rule 211 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the links or querying the docket number.

eFiling is encouraged. More detailed information relating to filing requirements, interventions, protests, and service can be found at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/filing-reg.pdf>. For other information, call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

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Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

#### Filings Instituting Proceedings

*Docket Numbers:* RP12–748–000.

*Applicants:* Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC.

*Description:* AGT Negotiated Rate—Taunton 66667 to be effective 6/1/2012.

*Filed Date:* 5/24/12.