

and (7) transmitting, or otherwise disclosing the information.

The estimate of cost for respondents is based upon salaries for professional and clerical support, as well as direct and indirect overhead costs. Direct costs include all costs directly attributable to providing this information, such as administrative costs and the cost for information technology. Indirect or overhead costs are costs incurred by an organization in support of its mission. These costs apply to activities which benefit the whole organization rather than any one particular function or activity.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden of the proposed collections of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collections of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP10-89-000; PF09-13-000]

East Tennessee Natural Gas, LLC; Notice of Application

March 22, 2010.

Take notice that on March 8, 2010, East Tennessee Natural Gas, LLC (East Tennessee), 5400 Westheimer Court, Houston, Texas 77056-5310, filed in the above referenced docket an application pursuant to sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to: (i) Install an approximately 8.4-mile, 24-inch diameter mainline extension and to construct of a new meter station and installation of a launcher/receiver at the terminus of the extension; (ii) install 8.0 miles of 24-inch diameter pipeline looping, including a launcher/receiver, mainline valve, and regulator; (iii)

abandon and replace approximately 2.3 miles of 12-inch diameter pipeline with 24-inch diameter pipeline, including new piping connections at the Fordtown Compressor Station; (iv) abandon and replace 9.2 miles of 8-inch diameter pipeline with 24-inch diameter pipeline, including new piping connections at the Bristol Compressor Station; and (v) modify and install of regulation and piping at the existing Flatwoods and Glade Spring Compressor Stations (the NET Project). The NET Project is located in Greene, Hawkins, Sullivan, and Washington Counties, Tennessee and Washington County, Virginia. East Tennessee states that the NET Project will allow it to provide 150,000 dekatherms (Dth) per day of firm transportation to a proposed natural gas-fired power generation facility of Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), 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 docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions concerning this application may be directed to Lisa A. Moore, General Manager, Rates and Certificates, East Tennessee Natural Gas, LLC, 5400 Westheimer Court, PO Box 1642, Houston, Texas 77251-1642, at (713) 627-4102, or lamoore@spectraenergy.com.

On August 10, 2009, Commission staff granted East Tennessee's request to utilize the Pre-Filing Process and assigned Docket No. PF09-13-000 to staff activities involved the NET Project. Now, as of the filing the March 8, 2010 application, the Pre-Filing Process for this project has ended. From this time forward, this proceeding will be conducted in Docket No. CP10-89-000, as noted in the caption of this Notice.

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 14 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 online 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: April 12, 2010.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement/Staff Assessment for the Proposed Construction and Operation of the Rice Solar Energy Project, Riverside County, CA (DOE/EIS-0439) and Possible Land Use Plan Amendments

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE; Bureau of Land Management, DOI.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement/Staff Assessment, Possible Land Use Plan Amendments and to Conduct Scoping Meetings; Notice of Floodplain and Wetlands Involvement.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), as amended, and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Western Area Power Administration (Western), an agency of the DOE, and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Palm Springs—South Coast Field Office, together with the California Energy Commission (CEC), intend to prepare a joint Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Staff Assessment (SA), which may include an amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) Plan (1980, as amended) and by this notice are announcing the beginning of the scoping process to inform the public and interested parties and to solicit public comments and identify issues concerning the scope, proposed actions, and alternatives to be addressed in the EIS and SA for the proposed Rice Solar Energy Project (Project) in Riverside County, California. Rice Solar Energy,

LLC (RSE) has applied to Western to interconnect the proposed Project to Western's electrical transmission system. This EIS/SA will address Western's proposed Federal action of interconnecting the proposed Project to Western's transmission system and making any necessary modifications to Western facilities to accommodate the interconnection and will also address BLM's proposed action of authorizing rights of way (ROW) for a 230-kilovolt (kV) transmission line, access road, and fiber optic line and possibly amending the CDCA. The EIS/SA will also review the potential environmental impacts of constructing, operating, and maintaining RSE's 150-megawatt (MW) solar-powered generating facility, consisting of a solar field of heliostat mirrors, power block, thermal energy storage system, substation site, transmission line, temporary laydown areas, and other ancillary facilities.

DATES: The public scoping period begins with the publication of this notice and will end on April 28, 2010. Western and BLM will host public scoping meetings to provide information on the proposed Project and gather comments on the proposal. The public scoping meetings will be on March 31, 2010 at Big River Community Services District, 150351 Del Rey Street, Big River, California, and on April 1, 2010 at University of California Riverside-Palm Desert Campus, 75080 Frank Sinatra Drive, Palm Desert, California 92211. Scoping meetings will be from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The meetings will be informal, and attendees will be able to speak directly with Western, BLM, and RSE representatives about the proposed Project. Oral or written comments may be provided at the public scoping meetings, mailed or e-mailed to Ms. Liana Reilly at the address listed in the addresses section.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the scope of the EIS/SA and possible land use plan amendment should be addressed to:

Ms. Liana Reilly, NEPA Document Manager, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 281213, Lakewood, Colorado 80228-8213 or e-mail at RiceSolar@wapa.gov.

Allison Shaffer, Project Manager, Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office, BLM 1201 Bird Center Drive, Palm Springs, California 92262 or e-mail at CAPSSolarRice@blm.gov.

John Kessler, Project Manager, Siting, Transmission and Environmental Protection Division, CEC 1516 Ninth Street, Sacramento, California 95814 or e-mail at jkessler@energy.state.ca.us.

To help define the scope of the EIS, written comments should be received no later than April 28, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the proposed Project, the EIS process or to receive a copy of the Draft EIS (DEIS) when it is published, contact Ms. Reilly at (720) 962-7253, or (800) 336-7288, or the address provided above.

For information relating to BLM's participation, contact Allison Shaffer at (760) 833-7100 or the address provided above.

For information relating to the CEC's participation, contact John Kessler at (916) 654-4679 or the address above or information can be obtained through the CEC's Public Adviser's Office at (916) 654-8236 or toll free in California, (800) 822-6228, or by e-mail at publicadviser@energy.state.ca.us.

For general information on DOE's NEPA review procedures or status of a NEPA review, contact Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom, Director of NEPA Policy and Compliance, GC-54, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, telephone (202) 586-4600 or (800) 472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Western, an agency within DOE, markets Federal hydroelectric power to preference customers, as specified by law. These customers include municipalities, cooperatives, irrigation districts, Federal and State agencies, and Native American tribes. Western's service territory covers 15 western states, including California. Western owns and operates more than 17,000 miles of high-voltage transmission lines. Under Federal law, BLM is responsible for responding to applications for ROW on public lands. BLM has received an application for a ROW authorization to construct and operate a transmission line that would interconnect the Rice Solar Energy Project to Western's transmission system. A portion of the transmission line would cross managed lands in eastern Riverside County, California. Pursuant to BLM's CDCA Plan, sites associated with power generation or transmission not identified in the CDCA Plan will be considered through the plan amendment process. By this notice, the BLM is complying with the requirements in 43 CFR 1610.2 (c) to notify the public of potential amendments to land use plans, subject to the findings of the EIS.

Western and BLM intend to prepare an EIS to analyze the impacts of their respective proposed Federal action and RSE's proposed Project in accordance with the NEPA, as amended, CEQ