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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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Capacity Deliverability Across the Midwest; Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.; PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. Seam; Notice Establishing Comment Period

On June 11, 2012, the Commission issued a notice seeking comments regarding "Capacity Deliverability Across the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc./PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. Seam." 139 FERC ¶ 61,200 (2012).

Notice is hereby given that interested parties should submit comments on or before August 10, 2012. Reply comments must be filed on or before August 27, 2012.

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Questar Pipeline Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Planned JL 47 Loop Project, Request for Comments on Environmental Issues, and Notice of Onsite Review

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 JL 47 Loop Project, involving construction and operation of facilities by Questar Pipeline Company (Questar) in Duchesne County, Utah. The Commission will use this EA in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the project.

Your input will help the Commission staff determine what issues they need to evaluate in the EA. Please note that the scoping period will close on July 16, 2012.

The Commission staff will also conduct an environmental site review of the planned JL 47 Loop Project route. All interested parties planning to attend must provide their own transportation. Those attending should meet at the following locations:

FERC Environmental Site Review JL 47 Loop Project

Holiday Inn Express, 1515 West U.S. Highway 40, Vernal, UT, June 27, 2012, at 8 a.m.

Because of the driving distance, we will be leaving promptly at 8 a.m.

This notice is being sent to the Commission's current environmental mailing list for this project. State and local government representatives should notify their constituents of this planned project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, a pipeline company representative may contact you about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the planned facilities. The company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the Commission approves the project, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings where compensation would be determined in accordance with state law.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" is available for viewing on the FERC Web site (www.ferc.gov). This fact sheet addresses a number of typically-asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings.

Summary of the Planned Project

Questar plans to construct and operate up to about 14.7 miles of 16-inch-diameter loop pipeline¹ from its Main Lines 40/104 at Pete's Wash northward to its Brundage Mountain Area receipt point (about 6 miles south of Myton), all in Duchesne County, Utah. The planned loop would be co-located with Questar's existing Jurisdictional Lateral (JL) 47 and

Jurisdictional Tie Lateral 78 pipelines except where deviations are necessary to avoid other existing natural gas facilities or terrain constraints. The project would increase transportation capacity by about 60,000 dekatherms of natural gas per day. Questar states its project would provide much-needed capacity to transport Uinta Basin production to major delivery markets.

The JL 47 Loop Project would consist of the following facilities:

- Up to about 14.7 miles of 16-inch-diameter steel pipeline loop;
- A tie-in to Questar's existing Main Line 40 at Pete's Wash (milepost 0), consisting of ancillary valves and a pig receiver;²
- A tap and valve at milepost 12.5 (North Monument Butte Area Tap); and
- A meter, ancillary valves, and pig launcher at milepost 14.7 (Brundage Mountain Area Tap).

The general location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.³

Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the planned facilities would disturb about 186 acres of land for the aboveground facilities and the pipeline. A majority of the land required for the project is managed by the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management, Vernal District. Following construction, Questar would maintain about 89 acres for permanent operation of the project's facilities; the remaining acreage would be restored and revert to former uses. About 82 percent of the planned pipeline route parallels existing pipeline, utility, or road rights-of-way.

The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the potential environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us⁴ to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. This process is referred to as *scoping*. The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the

² A "pig" is a tool that is inserted into and pushed through the pipeline for cleaning, conducting internal inspections, or other purposes.

³ The appendices referenced in this notice will not appear in the **Federal Register**. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail and are available at www.ferc.gov using the link called "eLibrary" or from the Commission's Public Reference Room, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 502-8371. For instructions on connecting to eLibrary, refer to the last page of this notice.

⁴ "We," "us," and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the Commission's Office of Energy Projects.

¹ A pipeline loop is a segment of pipe constructed parallel to an existing pipeline to increase capacity.