

before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make the oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Gerri Flemming's office at the address or telephone listed above. Requests must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided equal time to present their comments.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, 20585 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to Gerri Flemming, Department of Energy Savannah River Operations Office, P.O. Box A, Aiken, SC, 29802, or by calling her at (803) 952-7886.

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Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER04-691-000 and Docket No. EL04-104-000]

Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.; Public Utilities With Grandfathered Agreements in the Midwest ISO Region; Notice of Availability of Filing Instructions and Summary Template

June 22, 2004.

1. Pursuant to the Commission's Notice of Availability of Executive Summary and Index Templates, issued June 17, 2004, the Commission staff is hereby issuing instructions to all parties for filing Grandfathered Agreement (GFA) Information pursuant to the Commission's May 26, 2004 Order in the above captioned dockets.¹ The template for filing summary GFA information is available with this notice

and on <http://www.ferc.gov> under "What's New."

2. Parties should review the instructions for the template before using it; the template contains macros that preclude use of the Save and Save As functions in Excel. Summary information should be submitted using the Commission's electronic filing system (eFiling link at <http://www.ferc.gov>). Parties filing testimony and exhibits should also use the eFiling system, provided the material is public and meets the maximum file number and file size restrictions.

3. All submissions are due by 5 p.m. eastern time on June 25, 2004.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP04-344-000]

Tuscarora Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Tuscarora 2005 Expansion Project, Request for Comments on Environmental Issues, and Notice of Site Visit

June 22, 2004.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of Tuscarora Gas Transmission Company's (Tuscarora) proposed 2005 Expansion Project. Tuscarora proposes to install and operate a new compressor unit at its existing Wadsworth Booster Station in Washoe County, Nevada, and construct and operate a new compressor station near the town of Likely in Modoc County, California.¹ The EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the projects are in the public convenience and necessity.

This notice (NOI) is being sent to affected and adjacent landowners; Federal, State and local representatives and agencies; local newspapers and libraries; potentially interested Indian tribes; public interest and environmental groups; and parties to the

proceeding. Government representatives and agencies are encouraged to notify their constituents of the proposed projects and encourage them to comment.

Additionally, with this NOI we² are asking government agencies and tribes with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues to cooperate with us in the preparation of the EA. Agencies may choose to participate once they evaluate Tuscarora's proposal relative to their responsibilities. Agencies that would like to request cooperating status should follow the directions for filing comments described below.

If you are a landowner receiving this NOI, you may be contacted by a representative of Tuscarora about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the project is approved by the Commission, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the company could initiate condemnation proceedings 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?" should have been attached to the project notice Tuscarora is required to provide to landowners. 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. It is available for viewing on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>).

Summary of the Proposed Project

Tuscarora seeks authority to:

- Construct, install, own, operate and maintain a new 3,600 hp unit at its existing Wadsworth Booster Station at about MP 10.6 along Tuscarora's Wadsworth lateral, near its interconnection with Paiute's mainline, in Washoe County, Nevada; and
- Construct, install, own, operate, and maintain a new 8,000 hp compressor station at about MP 81.6 along Tuscarora's mainline near Likely in Modoc County, California.

The facilities proposed by Tuscarora would add up to 51,753 dekatherms per day (Dth/d) in firm transportation capacity to its system. This additional capacity is contracted to Southwest Gas

¹ Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc., *et al.*, 107 FERC ¶61,191 (2004) (May 26 Order).

¹ Tuscarora's application was filed on May 21, 2004, under section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and part 157 of the Commission's regulations. The Commission issued a notice of the application on May 28, 2004.

² "We", "us", and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the FERC's Office of Energy Projects (OEP).

Corporation (Paiute's parent company), Sierra Pacific Power Company (a part owner of Tuscarora), and Avista Corporation. Tuscarora would like to have the proposed facilities constructed and in service prior to the winter of 2005–2006.

Tuscarora's Wadsworth Booster Station and Likely Compressor Station are located on privately owned lands. However, an existing access road to Tuscarora's Wadsworth Booster Station crosses lands owned by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation. The general location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.³

Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would affect a total of about 12 acres. Operation of the facilities would require about 3.8 acres total. About 2.5 acres would be used during construction of Tuscarora's new unit at the Wadsworth Booster Station, of which about 0.5 acre would be required for operation of the facility. Construction of Tuscarora's new Likely Compressor Station would affect about 9.0 acres, of which 3.3 acres would be used during operation of the facility. The land temporarily impacted during construction of these facilities would afterwards be restored to its previous condition and use.

The Scoping Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us 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 EA on the important environmental issues. By this NOI, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues it will address in the EA. All comments received are considered during the preparation of the EA. To ensure your comments are considered, please carefully follow the instructions in the public participation section of this NOI.

³ The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies of all appendices, other than appendix 1 (maps), are available on the Commission's Web site at the "eLibrary" link 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. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail. Requests for detailed maps of the proposed facilities should be made directly to Tuscarora.

Our independent analysis of environmental issues will be in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to Federal, State, and local agencies, affected and adjacent landowners, environmental and public interest groups, interested individuals and Indian tribes, local newspapers and libraries, and the Commission's official service list for this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make our recommendations to the Commission.

Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have already identified several issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by Tuscarora. This preliminary list of issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis.

- Geology and Soils:
 - Seismic hazards related to the location of facilities in areas of high earthquake potential.
 - Potential for liquefaction at the location for Tuscarora's Likely Compressor Station.
- Water Resources and Wetlands:
 - One wetland identified within the tract owned by Tuscarora for the Likely Compressor Station.
- Fish, Wildlife, and Vegetation:
 - Permanent clearing of vegetation for operation of new aboveground facilities.
 - Potential effects on the bald eagle, a federally-listed threatened species.
- Cultural Resources:
 - Avoidance of an archaeological site within the tract owned by Tuscarora for the Likely Compressor Station.
- Native American and tribal concerns.
 - Land Use, Recreation and Special Interest Areas, and Visual Resources:
 - Assessment of land use and visual compatibility of the proposed facilities with Federal and tribal land owners, including the BLM and the Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation.
 - Air and Noise Quality:
 - Effects on local air quality and noise environment from construction and operation of proposed facilities.
 - Alternatives:
 - Assessment of the no action alternative, system alternatives, and alternative facility locations.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. By becoming a commentor, your concerns will be addressed in the EA and considered by the Commission. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative facility locations), and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send an original and two copies of your letter to: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of Gas Branch 3;
- Reference Docket No. CP04–344–000; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before July 30, 2004.

Please note that we are continuing to experience delays in mail deliveries from the U.S. Postal Service. As a result, we will include all comments that we receive within a reasonable time frame in our environmental analysis of this project. However, the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing of any comments or interventions or protests to this proceeding. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "e-Filing" link and the link to the User's Guide. Before you can file comments you will need to create a free account which can be created on-line.

If you do not want to send comments at this time but still want to remain on our environmental mailing list, please return the Information Request (appendix 3). If you do not return the Information Request, you will be taken off the mailing list.

Site Visit

We will also be conducting a site visit to the proposed location of Tuscarora's Wadsworth Booster Station and its proposed Likely Compressor Station, beginning on Monday, July 12, 2004.

Anyone interested in participating in the site visit should meet at the parking lot for the Best Western Airport Plaza Hotel, 1981 Terminal Way, Reno, Nevada 89502, at 12 p.m. (noon) on July 12, 2004. Participants must provide their own transportation. For additional

information, please contact the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (202) 502-8004.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding known as an "intervenor." Intervenor play a more formal role in the process. Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide 14 copies of its filings to the Secretary of the Commission and must send a copy of its filings to all other parties on the Commission's service list for this proceeding. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to rule 214 of the Commission's rules of practice and procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see appendix 2).⁴ Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

Affected landowners and parties with environmental concerns may be granted intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which would not be adequately represented by any other parties. You do not need intervenor status to have your environmental comments considered.

Additional Information

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at 1-866-208-FERC or on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search" and enter the docket number excluding

the last three digits in the Docket Number field. Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

In addition, the Commission now offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries and direct links to the documents. Go to <http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm>. Finally, public meetings or site visits will be posted on the Commission's calendar located at <http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx> along with other related information.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM03-8-001]

Quarterly Financial Reporting and Revisions to the Annual Reports; Notice Granting Extension of Time

June 22, 2004.

1. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission published in the **Federal Register** of February 26, 2004, Order No. 646, a Final Rule amending the Commission's financial reporting

regulations establishing new quarterly financial reporting for respondents that currently file Annual Reports with the Commission.¹ These new quarterly financial reports are the FERC Form No. 3-Q, Quarterly Financial Report of Electric Companies, Licensees, and Natural Gas Companies, and the FERC Form No. 6-Q, Quarterly Financial Report of Oil Pipeline Companies.

2. On June 10, 2004, the Edison Electric Institute (EEI) and the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America (INGAA) filed a joint motion for an extension of the deadlines for submitting the first two quarterly financial reports required by the Commission in the Final Rule. EEI and INGAA state that the software needed to file the new quarterly financial reports is not expected to be released for general use until June 30, 2004, which will leave filers only nine days from the current July 9, 2004 filing date. Additionally, they state that additional time would be needed for filers to familiarize themselves with the software, prepare electronic copies of the quarterly reports, have the reports internally reviewed, approved and filed.

3. At a minimum EEI and INGAA request an extension of the filing deadline for first quarterly report to August 23, 2004, and an extension of the filing deadline for the second quarterly report to September 23, 2004. They state these dates would space the first FERC reports two weeks away from the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's August 9, 2004 deadline, and space the two FERC reports a month apart.

4. Based on the above, filing dates for the first two quarterly financial reports for all respondents are extended as shown in the tables below:

EXTENSION OF FILING DATES FOR MAJOR ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS COMPANIES

	Quarterly period	Filing dates for major electric and natural gas respondents in final rule	Filing extension for major electric and natural gas respondents
1	1/1/2004-3/31/2004	July 9, 2004	August 23, 2004.
2	4/1/2004-6/31/2004	September 8, 2004	September 23, 2004.

EXTENSION OF FILING DATES FOR NONMAJOR ELECTRIC, NATURAL GAS AND ALL OIL PIPELINE FILERS

	Quarterly period	Filing dates for nonmajor electric, nonmajor natural gas, and all oil pipeline respondents in final rule	Filing extension for nonmajor electric, natural gas, and all oil pipeline respondents
1	1/1/2004-3/31/2004	July 23, 2004	September 3, 2004.
2	4/1/2004-6/31/2004	September 22, 2004	October 7, 2004.

⁴ Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.

¹ Quarterly Financial Reporting and Revisions to the Annual Reports, Order No. 646, 69 FR 9030

(Feb. 26, 2004), III FERC Stat. & Regs. ¶ 31,158 (Feb. 11, 2004).