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Date: Wednesday, April 1, 2009.

Time: 8:45 a.m. (PST).

Place: Civic Center Plaza, Mitchell Room.

Address: 210 North Broadway, Escondido, CA 92025.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL09-29-000; Docket No. EL09-30-000]

NorthWestern Corporation; Mountain States Transmission Intertie, LLC, NorthWestern Corporation; Supplemental Notice of Technical Conference

March 5, 2009.

By notice issued on February 25, 2009, Commission Staff established an informal technical conference in the above-referenced proceedings to be held on Thursday, March 12, 2009, at 1 p.m. (EDT), at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426 (February 25 Notice).

The technical conference will afford Commission Staff and interested persons an opportunity to informally discuss issues associated with the Mountain States Transmission Intertie, LLC (MSTI) and Collector Projects proposed in the above-mentioned dockets. As indicated in the February 25 Notice, Commission Staff is now providing further details relating to the issues to be discussed at the conference.¹

Rates and Service on the MSTI and Collector Projects

- Explain the proposed rate structures for the Collector Project and for MSTI.
- Explain how transmission rates will be calculated for transmission service on the NorthWestern Corporation (Northwestern) system in relation to transmission service on the Collector Project and/or MSTI, and explain

whether the proposals will result in rate pancaking (i.e., separate rates for service on each entity or segment) or a form of "And" pricing.

- What cost-based alternatives to the MSTI project, not affiliated with NorthWestern, do customers have in the relevant geographic area?

- Identify any benefits to customers (other than the MSTI customers) associated with closing the 500kV loop in the Pacific Northwest. Describe how those benefits, if any, are reflected in the "negotiated" rates to MSTI customers.

Distinctions Between the MSTI and Collector Projects

- Setting aside the statement that MSTI is a stand-alone entity, what distinguishes the Collector Project from MSTI?
- Explain how and by whom service on MSTI will be scheduled, generation using the line will be dispatched, and the line will be maintained.
- Discuss the affiliation between NorthWestern and MSTI and distinguish it from the affiliate concerns addressed in *Chinook Power Transmission, LLC*, 126 FERC ¶ 61,134 (2009).

Open Season Issues

- To the extent the Collector Project or MSTI are sized with greater capacity than is requested in the open season, who will pay for the excess capacity? What rights will be associated with such additional payments? If projects are sized at less than the capacity requested in the open season, how will requests for capacity be rationed?
- Will customers have exit rights if the offered capacity is greater than or less than what they requested in the open season? If so, what are those exit rights? Are there any penalties for withdrawing?
- Explain whether and under what circumstances NorthWestern will permit customers to opt out of the Collector cluster study.
- Describe NorthWestern's pre-open season industry interest contact process and the results of those contacts.

Queue Issues

- Provide details about the current transmission service requests in NorthWestern's queue, including, but not limited to, the amount, when and how they were submitted, the terms of the requests, and any commitments made by those customers or NorthWestern with respect to those transmission service requests.
- Explain the reasoning for the preference afforded to MSTI customers that are currently in NorthWestern's

queue, and whether those customers have entered into binding agreements to date.

System Configuration and Siting Issues

- Describe the physical configuration of the Collector and MSTI Projects and how they are interconnected to the NorthWestern system, and each other.
- Describe the paths and sources of energy that may flow onto or from the Collector Project and MSTI through NorthWestern's existing system or from other systems.
- Describe any filings related to the Collector and MSTI Projects that have thus far been filed with Montana or Idaho state agencies.
- Has NorthWestern or MSTI obtained rights to eminent domain through all or any part of the MSTI project area?

Requested Waivers

- Explain the basis for and justification supporting the requests for waivers for the Collector Project, and specifically the waiver of the requirement to file unexecuted service agreements with the Commission and the waiver of the requirement regarding posting of transmission service request studies information.

The Petitioners² should be prepared to address these issues, as well as the concerns raised in the protests or by interested persons at the technical conference. Petitioners are also invited to provide additional support for the filings.

All interested persons are permitted to attend. For further information please contact either Timothy Duggan at (202) 502-8326 or e-mail Timothy.Duggan@ferc.gov, or Katie Detweiler at (202) 502-6426 or e-mail Katie.Detweiler@ferc.gov.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP09-194-000]

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company; Notice of Technical Conference

March 4, 2009.

Take notice that the Commission will convene a technical conference in the above-referenced proceeding on

² Petitioners are NorthWestern Corporation and Mountain States Transmission Intertie, LLC.

¹ On March 3, 2009, NorthWestern filed an answer to protests in Docket Nos. EL09-29-000 and EL09-30-000. We note that NorthWestern answered some of the protestors' and Staff's concerns in that answer; however, Staff would still like to further discuss the topics listed in the instant notice, even where there is overlap with the answers already provided.

Tuesday, March 31, 2009, at 10 a.m. (EDT), in a room to be designated at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission determined to hold a technical conference to explore a proposal by Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Tennessee) to enhance the flexibility of shippers that using its supply area and/or market area pooling points and issues raised by that proposal including, but not limited to, the possible degradation of existing service, and the possible effects on scheduling and nomination priorities, primary firm rights, and the allocation of mainline versus receipt point capacity among proposed and existing points.

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 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.

All interested persons are permitted to attend. For further information please contact Robert McLean at (202) 502-8156 or e-mail Robert.McLean@ferc.gov.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL8779-4; Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2007-0925]

Draft Integrated Science Assessment for Carbon Monoxide

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of public comment period.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing the availability of a document titled, "First External Review Draft Integrated Science Assessment for Carbon Monoxide" (EPA/600/R-09/019). This draft document was prepared by the National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA) within EPA's Office of Research and Development as part of the review of the national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for carbon monoxide.

EPA is releasing this draft document to seek review by the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC)

and the public. The draft document does not represent and should not be construed to represent any final EPA policy, viewpoint, or determination. EPA will consider any timely public comments submitted in response to this notice when revising the document.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 8, 2009.

ADDRESSES: The "First External Review Draft Integrated Science Assessment for Carbon Monoxide" will be available primarily via the Internet on the National Center for Environmental Assessment's home page under the Recent Additions and Publications menus at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea>. A limited number of CD-ROM or paper copies will be available. Contact Ms. Debbie Wales by phone (919-541-4731), fax (919-541-5078), or e-mail (wales.deborah@epa.gov) to request either of these, and please provide your name, your mailing address, and the document title, "First External Review Draft Integrated Science Assessment for Carbon Monoxide" (EPA/600/R-09/019) to facilitate processing of your request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For technical information, contact Dr. Thomas C. Long, NCEA; telephone: 919-541-1880; facsimile: 919-541-2985; or e-mail: long.tom@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Information About the Document

Section 108(a) of the Clean Air Act directs the EPA Administrator to identify certain pollutants that "cause or contribute to air pollution which may reasonably be anticipated to endanger public health or welfare" and to issue air quality criteria for them. These air quality criteria are to "accurately reflect the latest scientific knowledge useful in indicating the kind and extent of all identifiable effects on public health or welfare which may be expected from the presence of such pollutant in the ambient air * * *." Under section 109 of the Act, EPA is to establish national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for each pollutant for which EPA has issued criteria. Section 109(d) of the Act requires periodic review and, if appropriate, revision of existing air quality criteria to reflect advances in scientific knowledge on the effects of the pollutant on public health or welfare. EPA is also to revise the NAAQS, if appropriate, based on the revised air quality criteria.

Carbon monoxide (CO) is one of six "criteria" pollutants for which EPA has established NAAQS. Periodically, EPA reviews the scientific basis for these standards by preparing an Integrated Science Assessment (ISA) (formerly

called an Air Quality Criteria Document). The ISA and supplementary annexes, in conjunction with additional technical and policy assessments, provide the scientific basis for EPA decisions on the adequacy of the current NAAQS and the appropriateness of possible alternative standards. The Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC), an independent science advisory committee whose review and advisory functions are mandated by Section 109(d)(2) of the Clean Air Act, is charged (among other things) with independent scientific review of EPA's air quality criteria.

On September 13, 2007 (72 FR 52369), EPA formally initiated its current review of the air quality criteria for CO, requesting the submission of recent scientific information on specified topics. A workshop was held on January 28-29, 2008 (73 FR 2490) to discuss policy-relevant science to inform EPA's planning for the CO NAAQS review. Following the workshop, a draft of EPA's "Plan for Review of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Carbon Monoxide" (EPA-452/D-08-001) was made available in March 2008 for public comment and was discussed by the CASAC via a publicly accessible teleconference consultation on April 8, 2008 (73 FR 12998). EPA finalized the plan and made it available in August 2008 (EPA/452/R-08/005; http://www.epa.gov/ttn/naaqs/standards/co/s_co_cr_pd.html). In November 2008, EPA held an authors' teleconference to discuss, with invited scientific experts, preliminary draft materials prepared during the ongoing development of the CO ISA and its supplementary annexes.

After the end of the comment period on the First External Review Draft ISA for CO, the CASAC review panel will review the draft at a public meeting. Timely public comments received will be provided to the CASAC review panel. A future **Federal Register** notice will inform the public of the exact date and time of that meeting.

II. How To Submit Technical Comments to the Docket at <http://www.regulations.gov>

Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2007-0925, by one of the following methods:

- <http://www.regulations.gov>: Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

- E-mail: ORD.Docket@epa.gov.

- Fax: 202-566-1753.

- Mail: Office of Environmental Information (OEI) Docket (Mail Code: 2822T), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW.,